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# Organisations come together to prevent child exploitation



■ THE waiting room and ticket hall at Crewkerne Railway Station has a festive feel. Members of The Friends of Crewkerne Railway Station have put a Christmas tree in place and have also been busy preparing for the open day on Saturday, December 10th.

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MORE than 100 professionals from across Somerset came together last week with the aim of working together to tackle child sexual exploitation (CSE).

Representatives from the police, health organisations, schools and local authorities attended the "practical conference" on November 30th, which was organised by the Somerset Safeguarding Children Board.

Speakers included the chairman of the board, Sally Halls, and representatives from children's social care, the police, education and Somerset Partnership NHS Trust.

The delegates also took part in practical workshops which included discussing CSE cases and highlighting services in place in that area to support the young people and their families.

A "pocket practitioner guide" was also given to everyone who attended. Developed by the NHS, this will be adopted by all partners to ensure everyone working with children and young people are aware of the signs of CSE and what tools are available to support vulnerable children.

Sally Halls, chairman of Somerset

by Peter Hodges  
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Safeguarding Children Board, said: "Safeguarding is everyone's business and it is only by working together that we can tackle child sexual exploitation and prevent it from happening."

"This event was a great success and brought a large number of school staff together with other agencies. This was important because our children and young people spend the majority of their time in school and with their teachers – so they are key in spotting a problem early."

Councillor Frances Nicholson, Somerset County Council's Cabinet member for children and families, said: "It's tempting to think child sexual exploitation doesn't happen in a rural county like Somerset, but sadly it does and can affect any child regardless of background."

"We have been working with partners to raise public awareness of the issue. Only by working together can we tackle CSE and support our vulnerable children."

Avon and Somerset Police recently announced they would be launching an investigation into alleged historic sexual abuse in football.

The probe follows the recent allegations of football coaches committing offences against youth team players in other areas of the country.

A force spokesman said: "Following the recent extensive media coverage about allegations of non-recent sexual abuse in football, we've received calls from members of the public providing us with information. All information received will be thoroughly investigated."

"We always encourage any victims of sexual abuse, no matter how long ago offences were committed, to come forward and speak to us."

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### THIS WEEK'S WEATHER

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### HEALTH MATTERS

## Funds for mums with mental health issues

FUNDING to provide increased support for pregnant women and new mums suffering mental illness has been welcomed by health bosses across Devon.

NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon (NHS NEW Devon) is among 20 areas in the UK to receive a share of £40million to fund new specialist community mental health services for mums in the immediate run up to and after birth, and help reach 30,000 more women a year by 2021.

A further £20m will be allocated next year.

Simon Stevens, chief executive of NHS England, announced the funding at a national Mind conference last week and said it will see new or bigger teams in those areas providing specialist care for all new and expectant mums with severe mental ill health like severe post-natal depression.

It will fund new perinatal consultants, specialist nurses, occupational therapists, psychologists and nursery nurses as well as community peer support for mums, babies and families.

David McAuley, interim head of commissioning for NHS NEW Devon CCG, said: "The develop-

ment of these services will make a real difference to new and expectant mothers with mental health issues and their families and will ensure that those who need speedy access to treatment and support are able to access it in a timely manner.

"The new services will provide specialist, evidence-based treatment for a wide range of conditions, and will help mothers and families recover from mental ill health whilst supporting them to become more effective parents.

"The success of this bid is due in part to successful collaboration between providers and commissioners spanning organisational and geographical boundaries."

Dr Jo Black, of Devon Partnership NHS Trust, which provides mental health and learning disability services across Devon and Torbay, added: "NHS England has recently announced that it will also fund a specialist mother and baby unit in the south west, for women with mental health needs, and we are doing everything possible to ensure that this this much-needed new facility is located in Devon."



**OPENING:** Neil Bizzell, Owen Hammett, Bill Sivewright, Ken Wenman, Roger Morgan (DSAA Chairman of Trustees), Dr. Phil Hyde, Dr. Ian Mew and Paul Owen

## New ambulance training unit

DORSET and Somerset Air Ambulance has opened a clinical training facility at its Henstridge base.

The new facility also includes an aviation planning room, improved clinical storage and crew rest facilities.

Funding for the project was provided last year by Association of Air Ambulances Charity (AAAC) after £5 million was allocated from the Banking Fines Fund (LIBOR) by the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, in support of UK's air ambulances.

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance received a slice of that money and CEO Bill Sivewright said: "We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to so many people.

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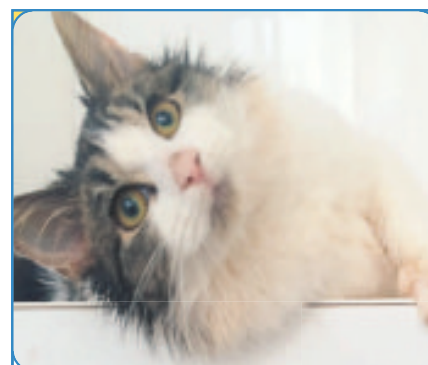
"To Babcock International, who, as well as supporting our flying operations, brought their wider industry expertise to bear and manage the build project.

"To the AAAC for helping to secure and distribute the funds and to South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust for their enduring support to the charity's operations, especially during a significant period of change.

"Finally, to the air ambulance crew who have lived through a great deal of disruption with patience and flexibility and have done so without any drop in the life-saving service provided to the people of Dorset and Somerset."

### GET IN TOUCH

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# Hospital beds body 'spends £41k a month on leadership review'

By **PHILIP EVANS**  
and **PETER HODGES**

THE NHS body responsible for closing community hospital beds in East Devon is spending £41,400 a month on "developing leadership capabilities," it has been alleged this week.

A letter has been sent to the NHS Northern Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group by the East Devon Group of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

The letter, dated December 1st, to Mrs Angela Pedder, the Lead Chief Executive of the CCG's Success Regime, asked her to confirm that the CCG had instructed Carnall Farrar Ltd to undertake the work.

The letter, signed by the chairman and vice-chairman of the East Devon Group CPRE, Dr Margaret Hall, and Mr T.J.W. Hale, also questioned the impartiality of Dame Ruth Carnall, who is chairman of

the Success Regime but also a director and shareholder of Carnall Farrar Ltd.

"This would appear to be a clear conflict of interest, affecting all parties, which alone could be sufficient to justify a judicial review of the outcome of this consultation," said the letter.

The letter goes on to say that to overcome this difficulty it would be appropriate for Dame Ruth to resign as chairman and for Carnall Farrar Ltd's contract to be terminated.

The Success Regime was set up as one of three areas in the UK where there were



**Neil Parish: The CCG should be spending as little as possible on consultancy**

deep rooted financial problems in delivering health services.

It was introduced in Devon following a forecast of a £40 million deficit for 2014-15 increasing to £87 million in 2015-16 (see below).

The letter from the East Devon Group CPRE was also sent to East Devon MPs Neil Parish and Sir Hugo Swire.

Mr Parish commented: "It is vital the CCG gets the best value possible when spending taxpayers' money."

"At a time when the CCG are consulting on closing community hospital beds across East Devon, they should be spend-



**Sir Hugo Swire: Declined to comment until he had read the letter**

ing as little as possible on consultancy fees and ploughing as much money as possible into frontline care."

Sir Hugo declined to comment until he had the opportunity to study the letter.

We have sought a response from the CCG but they failed to meet our deadline.

We asked them to confirm the following:

- ◆ That the monthly consultancy fee is £41,400?
- ◆ How long has that monthly fee been paid?
- ◆ How long will the monthly fee be paid?
- ◆ Is there a conflict of interest with Dame Ruth Carnall chairing the Devon Success Regime when she is a shareholder and director of Carnall Farrar Ltd, the company which was awarded the contract?

We will be pleased to print the CCG's responses to these questions in our next issue and on our website as soon as they are received.



## Dame Ruth - 30 years in healthcare

■ DAME Ruth Carnall has over 30 years' experience in health care, including 20 years as a chief executive in acute hospitals, mental health, community services and health authorities.

She spent seven years in charge of the NHS in London as Chief Executive of NHS London and now works providing strategic advice to leaders in healthcare.

Prior to NHS London, Dame Ruth worked as an independent consultant with a range of clients from the public and private sector, including the Department of Health, Monitor, NHS Trusts, the Prime Minister's Delivery Office, the Cabinet Office and GSK.

She was appointed by the then Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, in 2013 to provide advice and expertise on major health issues affecting London.

Dame Ruth was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2011 for her achievements in healthcare.

# What is the Devon Success Regime?

THE North, East and West (NEW) Devon Success Regime is one of three such programmes in the country - the others are Essex and Cumbria - and is part of the NHS Five Year Forward View, the blueprint for the NHS which sets out the challenges facing health and care nationally and how

radical change is needed to sustain services and improve care for patients.

The Success Regime focuses on certain areas in the country where there are deep-rooted, systemic pressures, such as financial deficits or issues of service quality. Devon was one of

these areas and the description of the work undertaken (reproduced here) was taken from the Carnall Farrar Ltd website.

### The issue

IN MID 2015, the combined NHS commissioner and provider economy in North, East and West Devon was forecasting a

deficit of £40m for 2014/15 and a recurring deficit of £87m into 2015/16. Further, the system was failing to deliver many of the key performance standards.

The key providers and commissioners in Devon lacked a detailed fact-based understanding of why healthcare services in Devon were clinically and financially unsustainable.

### The work

A TEAM from Carnall Farrar, led by Ben Richardson and Ruth Carnall, was initially brought in to develop a detailed case for change which would set the scene for a programme of strategic change.

This was to be supported by a capability and capacity review of the system to evaluate how prepared organisations across the system were for strategic change.

Following this initial phase, Carnall Farrar secured the first part of the second phase of work (phase 2a) which involved working with all the stakeholders to appraise the options for meeting the clinical and financial chal-

lenges outlined in the case for change.

### The output

- ◆ Identified the key drivers of the deficit and the areas of clinical unsustainability.
- ◆ Produced a case for change.
- ◆ Identified and quantified the opportunities to close the clinical and financial gap; prioritised these opportunities into 16/17 and longer term opportunities.
- ◆ Provided an expert chair for the meetings

of system leaders.

- ◆ Conducted a capability and capacity review with seven organisations across the system.
- ◆ Moved from a long list of service model options to a short list.

### The outcomes

- ◆ Following both phases of work Devon was left with a shared understanding of the problem, shared ways of working, clinical

models and a vision for the options which do not require consultation and a shortlist of options for services which do require consultation.

- ◆ Carnall Farrar secured the next phase of work in Devon, and will be supporting the system until 2017.
- ◆ Supported the creation of a new leadership coalition in Devon with an identified Chief Executive lead.

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## Christmas fair to celebrate loyalty card success



**■ SHOP LOCAL:** Supporters of the loyalty card, Councillor Amanda Broom and independent business owners will join together to host a Christmas fair at the Chard Guildhall

THE Chard Loyalty Card continues to go from strength to strength in its popularity, and now a Christmas Fair has been arranged in Chard Guildhall to help celebrate the innovative idea. The fair will take place on Saturday, December 10th from 10am to 1pm.

Marie, from Fotofinish, said: "We came up with the idea for holding a Christmas Fair to help publicise all local independent businesses in Chard.

"We are really pleased with the progress of the Loyalty Card, and this is an opportunity for shoppers to see all the businesses in one place – hopefully, it will encourage Christmas shopping in Chard.

"We'd also like to thank Chard Town Team for their recent support with funding/sponsorship."

Chard Loyalty Card has been running for more than a year; the aim of the scheme was to make independent businesses in Chard

more visible to the community. Customers use any or all of the businesses, and when they spend over £5 they receive a stamp on their card, simply collecting 10 stamps enables them to enter the monthly prize draw. Each month there are three prize winners – £60 for first prize, and two prizes of £30.

Chard Town Councillor Amanda Broom, who will be representing Chard Bookshop at the event, said: "We hope that lots of people come to the fair to see what local independent traders have to offer for Christmas ideas.

"Shoppers will also be able to receive double stamps for this day only and may even be able to finish Christmas shopping without leaving Chard!"

The December draw will take place on New Year's Eve, and a special 'thank you' draw for people's continued support will see a first prize of £100, with second and third prizes of £50.

## Changes to Christmas waste collections

RESIDENTS have been advised that rubbish collections will take place a day later than normal over the Christmas and New Year period.

The Somerset Waste Partnership has issued its usual advice about changes to its collection services to cater for the Christmas holiday.

Collections will continue as normal from Monday, December 19th to Friday, December 23rd, but there will be changes from Monday, December 26th to Friday, January 6th.

All collections usually made from Monday, December 26th to Friday, December 30th will be one day later – including Monday pickups on Bank Holiday, Tuesday, December 27th and the Friday pickups on Saturday, December 31st.

All collections usually made from Monday, January 2nd to Friday, January 6th will be one day later – including Friday pickups on Saturday, January 7th. Usual collections will resume

on Monday, January 9th.

The revised collection days over the festive period will also apply to assisted and clinical waste collections. Garden waste collections will not take place from Monday, December 26th to Friday, January 6th and will resume from Monday, January 9th.

However, decoration-free natural Christmas trees under six-feet can be composted. Residents can take them to their local recycling site or, if they pay for garden waste collections, put them out on the usual garden waste collection day from January 9th.

Recycling centres will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, but will be open on all other days on their usual schedule.

More information is available from [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/permits](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/permits)



# Tributes paid to popular local photographer

THE Mayors of Chard and Ilminster have led the tributes in memory of legendary local photographer Dave Wheadon.

It was announced last week that Mr Wheadon, who worked for more than 60 years as a photographer and TV film cameraman, had died at the age of 84 following a bravely fought battle against dementia.

The Mayor of Chard, Councillor Dave Bulmer, said: "This is very sad news. Many people will remember Dave for his photography shop in Holyrood Street in Chard and, more importantly, his many years of taking photographs for the local paper.

"Dave was very popular in the town and was regarded as a true gentleman.

"With his work as a photographer he has created many memories of events in the town that will be added to the history of our town.

"As Mayor I and many other people of Chard would like to show our appreciation for everything he has done.

"May Dave now rest in peace."

The Mayor of Ilminster, Councillor Val Keitch, added: "Dave Wheadon took many iconic pictures over many years.

"He seemed a fixture at many events and my thoughts are with his family at this sad time."

Mr Wheadon's career as a photographer spanned more than six

decades and he covered many events for local newspaper publications, including *Pulman's Weekly News*, while he also worked as a freelance TV cameraman.

Mr Wheadon was born in Corfe, near Taunton, and moved to Wadeford near Chard in 1939, just before the outbreak of the Second World War.

He attended the now closed Corfe Primary School, Combe St Nicholas Primary School and later Ilminster Grammar School.

He has always been a freelance photographer and has supplied thousands of news photographs to the local press.

A former colleague Rob Drayton, now a member of Ilminster Town Council, said: "The incredible thing about Dave is that he had started to take photos for local papers even before he left Ilminster Grammar School.

"That was more than 60 years of dedication to a profession he dedicated his life to. I worked with him from 1968 until he retired. He will be remembered by thousands in the area – generation after generation getting their wedding photos, baby portraits and social occasions into print.

"But most of all his local newspaper pictures of every conceivable event public and private – his library was immense.

"Dave's dedication to his work was

only matched by his dedication to his wife Clo – his right-hand woman on everything he did – and his family.

"Dave was a true professional and a formidable colleague of great professional standing who will be missed by many around the area."

It was an advertisement in the situations vacant column of the local newspaper in 1957 which was responsible for bringing Mr Wheadon together with Clodagh Everett, of Tatworth, who would eventually go on to become Mrs Wheadon and his

wife for nearly 60 years.

Clo answered the advert for a photographer's assistant placed by D.J. Wheadon, who had a studio in the George Hotel Yard.

Romance followed and they married at St John's Church in Tatworth in 1958 with the reception in the local Memorial Hall.

They bought a former boot and shoe shop in Holyrood Street, Chard, where, after a brief honeymoon in London, they ran a photographic business until 1998 when the time

came to take things a little easier.

That did not stop Mr Wheadon from continuing his work as a freelance photographer and it was only until a serious fall at home which left him fighting for his life that he finally hung up his camera.

But he battled back from that accident in true Mr Wheadon fighting spirit – although he had to take things a lot more steady in his later years.

## Pension inequality challenge

WOMEN Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) have hired a leading London law firm to act on their behalf in a legal challenge to the government over 1950s women's state pensions.

Bindmans have achieved success in many equality and discrimination cases and also in representing the Equitable Life Pensioners.

To fund the legal challenge, WASPI will be opening up a Crowdfunder page and many women have already committed to donate.

Fundraising Director Jane Cowley said: "We are thrilled with the positive response from our supporters. It is a great shame that

1950s born women are having to dig into their pockets to fund a legal challenge to the maladministration and discrimination meted out to them by successive governments, but if that is the only way to get justice, that's what we'll do."

Somerset South Group joint co-ordinator Rose Lee added: "Women have had to fight for every step of equality, that fight goes on".

For more information on how you can get involved with your local group or support the Crowdfunder appeal, go to [www.waspi.co.uk](http://www.waspi.co.uk) or email [somersetsouthwaspi@gmx.com](mailto:somersetsouthwaspi@gmx.com)

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# Bargain Hunt comes to Chard Museum

CHARD Museum were thrilled to be invited to appear on BBC show *Bargain Hunt* recently, and have an opportunity to showcase the town's pioneering engineer, James Gillingham.

Gillingham was a boot maker by trade, and ran the Golden Boot in Chard, whilst living in Prospect House on Combe Street.

In 1863, the year of the future King Edward VII's marriage, local man Will Singleton was disabled whilst priming a cannon, resulting in the complete amputation of his right arm.

Due to the amputation being at his shoulder, the technology was not available to fit a prosthetic limb - thus seriously hampering his future life chances.

By calling into the Golden Boot, he met Mr Gillingham who offered to make a limb for no cost.

Mr Gillingham used new technology, and crucially leather - which he moulded ahead of fitting to the amputated limb.

The leather meant that the limb was not only much lighter than the wooden ones available, it was more durable and a lot stronger.

Once Mr Singleton had been fitted, he was able to lift weights up to 700lbs, pick up a spade and wheel a barrow - all of which meant he could return to his occupation of a groundskeeper.

Mr Gillingham's first patient was a complete success, and after appearing in the medical magazine *The Lancet* and meeting the Queen's surgeon - Mr Gillingham's reputation soon became well established.

District Councillor Amanda Broom, who represented the museum on *Bar-*



■ COUNCILLOR Amanda Broom, pictured with limbs made by James Gillingham, and Bargain Hunt presenter Natasha Raskin

*gain Hunt*, said: "Most people in Chard know the story of James Gillingham, the Victorian engineer and entrepreneur, and this is something we are proud to have in our town's history.

"The important point we wanted to get across in the show was how compassionate James was - he would not turn anyone away, and treated each case as an individual to meet their needs.

"He worked tirelessly to not only fit limbs, but to make attachments for the limbs which would enable the patient to carry out life with little difficulty, after facing many awful injuries."

After dying in 1924, James' son and grandson continued the business into the 1950s before handing it outside of the family, before it finally closed in the 1960s. After the two world wars, many disabled ex-servicemen received pros-

thetic limbs which had been made in Chard.

Chard Museum has 12 bespoke limbs, numerous attachments, equipment used by Mr Gillingham and many photographs of the patients - every patient at the Golden Boot had their photograph taken.

Although Chard Museum is now closed for the winter, groups who pre-book are able to enjoy the museum experience - private tours, topical discussions and refreshments.

If any group is interested in visiting the museum they should contact Gwyneth Jackson on 01460 62078.

Cllr Broom added: "It would be particularly good to see local schools run projects on James Gillingham to coincide with the Bargain Hunt show broadcast in the spring."

# Rotary boost for children's hospice



■ AT A recent Chard Rotary Club meeting, Robert Rollins presented a cheque for £600 to Caroline Dowell, chairman of the local support group for Children's Hospice SW.

This sum came from the proceeds of a coffee morning held at Robert's home in August, which was well supported by Rotary members and friends.



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# Camera club competition includes 'patterns in nature'

CHARD Camera Club held an in-house competition recently covering the subjects of 'Patterns in Nature', 'Action' and an open

section.

The evening was well attended with 20 members enjoying an evening of sharing some beautiful images

as they fought amongst themselves to out score one another. The images were judged on the evening by Mr Mac Bouchere

FRPS who gave all members some very good and constructive advice on their images.

Overall the competition was closely fought, with three different members running out winners.

The results are as follows:

Open – 1st, 'Getting wet', Malcolm Brocklehurst; 2nd, 'Deverills Beacon', Jeff Hutson; 3rd, 'Maiori-Amara Coast Italy', John Emery; Highly Commended, 'Norfolk Windmill', Joyce Partridge.

Action – 1st, 'I Am The God Of Hellfire', Deborah Hammond; 2nd, 'Break break break', John Emry; 3rd, 'Surfing Porthurno', Jeff Hutson; Highly commended 'High flyers', Marjorie Marret and 'Gotcha', Dick Moon.

Patterns In Nature – 1st, 'Flowers on Barrington tree', Jeff Hutson; 2nd, 'Jewelled web', Angela Head; 3rd, 'Nature camouflage', Dick Moon; Highly commended, 'Patterns in nature', Heather Iles.



MEMBERS of Chard Methodist Church over the past few months have been collecting and making items to fill shoeboxes to send to Romania.

Pencils, rubbers, crayons, small tools, scarves, hats, and a host of

other goodies will bring joy to both children and adults in some of the poorest parts of Europe.

Seventy-two full boxes and gifts for further boxes were dedicated by the Rev Peter Kerton-Johnson at a recent church service.

## Former naval medic speaks at Inner Wheel meeting

PRESIDENT Claire Gibbs welcomed members and guests to the November meeting of the Inner Wheel Club of Chard at Hornsbury Mill.

The speaker was Bernard Genge who gave a presentation on 'Endurance'.

He told members that at the age of 16 he joined the Royal Navy at HMS Raleigh.

Because of his connection with St John Ambulance he became a medic and on HMS Hermes travelled to the Caribbean and Florida.

He had experience on all wards but was most interested in psychiatry. This was at the time of the Falklands when many servicemen suffered from PTSD.

In 1989, back on civvy street, he worked for a health trust, before starting his own business becoming one of the UK's most respected and sought after life coaches and producing a book – Ten Actions to Transform your life – on motivation.

Taking up challenges, he has

walked the Namibia Desert Trek to the Skeleton Coast, cycled in Vietnam, has run a marathon in under three hours, completed the Cotswold 226 triathlon, 100 marathons and a 100 mile race on the Cotswold way in 29hr 29min.

After questions, president Claire gave the vote of thanks on what was a most inspiring talk. The next get together is the Christmas meeting when members have a turkey meal and Secret Santa to look forward to.

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## First game of the season for Holyrood team

■ HOLYROOD'S Years Seven and Eight basketball team played The Park School in their first fixture of the season last week.

It was an exciting game, with Holyrood securing a well-deserved victory. They dominated the first two quarters, building

up an eight-point lead at half time. In the second half, The Park School from Yeovil came back strongly and whittled away the lead to tie the game up going into the last minute.

Holyrood star player Matt Green se-

cured the winning basket to end the game and Holyrood won 15-13.

Pictured above are: Harvey Evans, Mason Knight, Tae Wakeling, Maia Watson, Heidi Warren, Matt Green, Will Board, Connor Beckey and Gabe Larter Webber.

TATWORTH Amateur Pantomime Society (TAPS) surprised shoppers at B&Q in Chard recently, performing as a flash mob.

The group sprung from all corners of the store to serenade staff and patrons with 'One Day More' from *Les Misérables*. TAPS were helping to raise money for Children in Need.

A spokesperson for Chard B&Q said: "Thank you so much to TAPS for coming in today (Sunday, November 20th) and performing a flash mob for Children In Need. You could see there was a lot of hard work and dedication involved; the end result was fantastic.

"Other customers were filming and looked to be enjoying the rendition of 'One Day More' from *Les Misérables*. Children in Need is a charity that is close to lots of people's hearts and is one that here at B&Q Chard we are happy to support."



## Flash mob at B&Q

## Fire safety talk at Winsham school



■ PUPILS at Winsham Primary School had a very informative talk from Silja Swaby from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service recently.

Pupils learnt that smoke alarms should be put on ceilings and tested every week.

A spokesperson for the school said: "Layla and Toby demonstrated how to stop, drop and roll if their clothes caught fire.

"The pupils looked at fire hazards in different rooms in a house and how to get out and stay out if there is a fire."

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## Neroche schoolkids get fundraising for Pudsey

NEROCHE Primary School's councillors began their Children in Need fundraising weeks ago to prepare for the big day recently.

From the school council bank account, the children purchased boxes of wristbands, Pudsey hair grips and Pudsey key rings.

From 8.30am every morning for a week, the children set a stall up in the school playground to sell their products.

On November 21st, the children enjoyed a non-school uniform day and a cake sale to boost the

fundraising already carried out.

The final total raised by the school was a massive £531 – double the previous year's efforts.

Kelsey, Isla and Taylor from Year 6 (pictured) all said "We love Children in Need; raising money for good causes is great."

Neroche deputy headteacher Mrs Collins said: "The time and effort put in by our school council volunteers has been exemplary, the children's entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to this cause has been wonderful."

## Meal raises more than £750 for refugee fund

LOCAL residents gathered at The Green House in Ilminster recently to help raise funds for refugees.

Fundraisers enjoyed a two course meal of homemade spring rolls and chicken and vegetable stir fry and raised an impressive £760 in the process.

Such was the popularity of the event, hosted by owner and upcycling enthusiast, George, that guests had to dine in two sittings.

Local councillor and charity fundraiser, Linda Vjeh, said: "I think that this was a tremendous idea and it was great to see just how many people came out in support."

"Although recent news reports have fo-

cused on the dismantling of the 'jungle' in Calais, many of us in this country may not realise that there are still many people who remain homeless.

"I have heard the argument that they are mainly young able bodied men, who therefore do not deserve our help."

"Sadly, this highlights our lack of understanding."

"For those fleeing worn torn countries such as Syria, where it is impossible for everyone to flee, families will often select the most able bodied person in the family and pool resources to enable them to escape, in the hope that they will reach safety, start a new life and be in a position to



■ LINDA Vjeh (centre) and fellow fundraisers helped make £760 for the refugee fund

help their families."

The money will go towards the Care4Calais charity, that was started to help the refugees in Calais, but since 'The Jungle' was closed, the charity's spread has grown to encompass most of northern France.

## Lions' bazaar this weekend

THE Lions Club of Ilminster and District will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar this weekend.

The event will be held at The Blake Hall, South Petherton on Saturday, December 10th and is open to the public from 10am to 12noon.

A spokesperson said: "The club runs a few stalls but welcomes other local clubs, societies and charities to hold a stall at the event for their own benefit."

"No charge will be made for the use of the stalls but should a successful morning be experienced a donation will be gratefully accepted for the Lions Club charity account. All proceeds and donations received by the Lions are given to local deserving causes and Lions charities."

Anyone wishing to have a stall at the bazaar should contact Ian Davidson on 01460 241375.

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## U3A making news Down Under... again

FILMMAKERS Anorak Communications are the latest members of Crewkerne & District University of the Third Age (U3A) to make the news Down Under.

The story and pictures about their latest movie on the West Somerset Railway has been posted on the news service 'Learning Later in Life' which is overseen on Facebook by Ross Bell, a member of Sydney U3A in Australia.

Ross, who keeps a look-out for interesting stories from around the world on education in later life for his news service, said: "The film by the Anoraks has received a lot of attention and

I would like to feature it."

He is clearly a big fan of Crewkerne & District U3A and keeps a watch on what is happening there.

It's the second time in two months he has chosen to pick up a story from the U3A.

Last month Ross Bell used an article and picture about the retirement of Celia Shears who started and then ran the U3A folk dance group for 15 years (see opposite story).

"With the world to choose from for his news service it is quite a compliment to what we are doing here at Crewkerne & District U3A," said chairman Anne Bright.



■ **FINAL CUT:** Members of Anorak Communications at Bishops Lydeard station (from left): Alan Keene, Tom Downey, James McCosh, Colin Mayes, Stuart Nuttall, Brian Lawrence and Tom Jones



## Farewell and thank you

■ Denise Smith (left) presents a card to Celia Shears at the party to mark her retirement as leader of the Crewkerne & District U3A folk dancing group. Behind them, admiring some of the other gifts to Celia, are (from left) Marie Quaif, Sue Green and Barbara Johns

IT WAS the perfect finale to the party for dance group leader Celia Shears in Crewkerne – everybody got up and had a dance!

The party was organised by the folk dancing group of Crewkerne & District University of the Third Age (U3A) as a very special thank you to Celia.

She started and then ran the group for 15 years until her retirement a couple of months ago.

Many present and former members of the group came along to the Speedwell Hall on

November 14th to attend the party and celebration tea to say goodbye to Celia, who was also a member of Crewkerne Folk Dance Club for 30 years.

The folk dancing group presented her with a shawl, shoulder bag, matching purse and a framed photo of the group.

On behalf of the U3A Denise Smith presented her with flowers, chocolates and a card.

Anne Bright, who is chairman of Crewkerne & District U3A, thanked Celia for the wonderful service she has given to folk

dancing in the U3A and the town.

The party concluded as Celia would have wished with a couple of dances that she could watch and enjoy.

Leslye Stansfield, who now leads the folk dancing group, said: "She really enjoyed the party and said it was something she would never forget."

The U3A folk dancing group meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Speedwell Hall in Abbey Street.

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# Big turnout for Wadham Sixth Form's open evening

PROSPECTIVE students attended an open evening at Wadham School's sixth form last week.

The school's catchment area includes Yeovil, Ilminster and the surrounding villages, so many youngsters from outside Crewkerne came to see what the school can offer post-GCSEs.

Headteacher David Derbyshire emphasised the need to make an informed decision and to consider a range of factors in making the right choice, saying: "The students tell us that the sixth form is very different from mainstream school; that sixth formers are treated more like adults and given greater responsibility.

"They manage their own space, the sixth form common room. The teaching style and the overall atmosphere are different, whilst small classes provide for a higher level of interaction with and support from teachers."

Next step planning is a priority at Wadham, with the opportunity to visit universities, the UCAS exhibition and engage with local employers offering higher level apprenticeships.

Wadham Sixth Formers also take part in a wide range of extracurricular activities, examples including a biannual trip to New York, Come Dine with Me and sporting events to name a few.

A school spokesperson said: "Travel time to school is a significant consideration and every year there are students that initially choose to study further afield and then return to Wadham when they discover how much of their day is taken up with the long commute."

Mr Derbyshire rounded off his presentation by talking about outcomes for student leavers: 98 per cent of students gained A-level passes, with 46 per cent attaining an A\* to C grade.

Some students left to go straight into employment or started apprenticeships and a few took a gap year.

It was also pointed out that 99 per cent of Wadham university applicants gained entry to their first choice university.

Following Mr Derbyshire's presentation, attendees had the opportunity to speak with staff and current Sixth Formers to get their perspective.



**INFORMATIVE:** Many aspects of school life were covered

## Santa's on his way to Crewkerne station

THE Friends of Crewkerne Railway Station (FOCS) say Santa will pay a visit to the open day on Saturday, December 10th.

The day will run from 9.30am-2pm and FOCS secretary Gail Coleshill said: "There will be an exhibition, a raffle, a visit from Santa and, possibly, a DVD show - and MJ's café will be open for coffees, sandwiches and cakes.

FOCS members recently met for what was thought to be "one of the best and most encouraging meetings yet".

Chairman Tony Reese led with a report about the progress of the franchising of the rail service and the new campaigning groups formed.

They include the Salisbury to Exeter Rail Users Group (SERUG) and Blackmore Vale Community Rail Partnership.

Mr Reese was pleased at the

progress made by the groups and the contacts made with Network Rail and South West Trains

He said "There are two bids in for the South West Train franchise, Stagecoach and First Group. We hope that whoever gets it will encourage community groups like ours.

"We would also like them to keep waiting rooms and facilities open for longer but we have to wait until February to see who gets it.

The annual report contained the accounts. The group has obtained funds from various grant-awarding bodies which has enabled it to keep the platform planters on both platforms looking good and earning compliments all year round.

In addition, the group has negotiated an outside seat at the

front of the station with South West Trains.

The speaker for the evening was Brian Barnsley, who was very complimentary about the progress made by the group as evidenced by the annual report.

He also gave an informative talk about the Association of Community Rail Partnerships.

It was also reported at the meeting that no further progress has been made on the entrance to the station, which is incomplete because of a dispute between the developer and the county council.

The good news, it was reported, is that the on the station approach café has been granted permission to extend and has agreed that (when that happens) its toilet facilities will be open to passengers in the afternoons when the station toilets are shut.

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# Minster Church sparking for Christmas Tree Festival



■ BROOMHEAD and Saul Solicitors get to work decorating their tree



■ GREENFYLDE Primary School's entry is one of several primary schools taking part in the festival

THE Minster Church in Ilminster is currently packed to the rafters as more than 50 decorated Christmas trees are in place for the annual festival.

The Ilminster Christmas Tree Festival is in its 10th year and is bigger than ever. The festival sees local organisations, charities and schools decorate a Christmas tree, which stands proudly in the church.

The festival was officially opened yesterday (Monday) and will be open until Saturday, December 10th. From today until Friday, opening times are between 9.30am and 6pm. The final day will open from 10am to 4pm.

Planning and arranging of the event is the work of a dedicated team of volunteers led by Elizabeth Ferris and Marie Jewson.



■ THE RNLI branch entered a colourful display



■ THE Rotary Club are raising money for Sweet Success with their alternative display



■ THE Huntington's Disease Association used their tree to raise awareness about the little known disease

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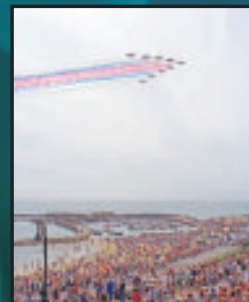
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# New solicitors join Humphries Kirk

HUMPHRIES Kirk Solicitors has strengthened its private client team by welcoming two new solicitors to its offices in Crewkerne.

Abigail Doggrell completed

her training contract with Humphries Kirk and then qualified into the private client department in October.

She advises clients in respect of their wills, lasting

powers of attorney, management of their general affairs and administration of estates.

Kelly Taylor qualified as a solicitor in 2009, with a Bournemouth-based firm, and joined Humphries Kirk in October, also specialising in private client matters including trusts, tax planning, protection of assets and court of protection applications.

Laura Staples, associate solicitor and team leader for Somerset private client matters, congratulated both Kelly and Abigail on their new roles.

She said: "We're very pleased to have a strong and dynamic team at our Crewkerne office."

"We look forward to working together with new and existing clients from across Somerset."

Simon Cross, head of Humphries Kirk private client department, said: "We are delighted to welcome two new members to the private client team and grow the firm's offering in Crewkerne."

"The recruitment of Kelly and Abigail further shows our commitment to Somerset and our desire to give expert advice in relation to a number of legal matters which personally affect the public."

**APPOINTED:** Abigail Doggrell and Kelly Taylor



# Lifeboat boost from Rotary



WEYMOUTH RNLI have received a cheque for £450 from the Rotary Club.

Nick Harris, former president of the Crewkerne and District Rotary Club, chose the RNLI as one of his two nominated charities when he was in office.

He visited Weymouth lifeboat station to hand over a cheque

for £450 to lifeboat coxswain Andy Sargent and mechanic Phil Hansford.

The money was raised by the Crewkerne branch for their part in helping to run an Ironman event held in Sherborne last year.

Nick, who is a keen mariner with a powerboat which he

keeps at Weymouth, chose the RNLI as his charity because of his love of the sea and the good work that the RNLI does in saving lives at sea.

Pictured (from left to right): lifeboat cox Andy Sargent, Crewkerne Rotarian Nick Harris and lifeboat mechanic Phil Hansford.

# Midwinter concert returns to St Bart's

THE popular Midwinter concert with Reg Meurross and Phil Beer is set to take place at St Bartholomew's Church in Crewkerne later this month.

Arts @ St Barts will host the annual event on Friday, December 16th at 7.30pm.

A spokesperson for the concert organisers said: "This very popular event is a feast of songs, tunes

and carols and will take place with the background of a multitude of Christmas trees decorating the church in the annual Christmas tree festival.

"A bar will be available together with mince pies and bumper Christmas hamper as a raffle prize."

Tickets for the event are £12 and are available by calling 01460 76058, emailing Geraldine@cworthy.co.uk or Crewkerne Town Hall.

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So please visit the office to place a star on the tree to re-

member the loved ones that are no longer with us, and if you can, please make a donation, however small is may be.

■ In the photograph is Barry & Claire Gibbs and Teresa Coombes, Head of Inpatient services at St. Margaret's Hospice.



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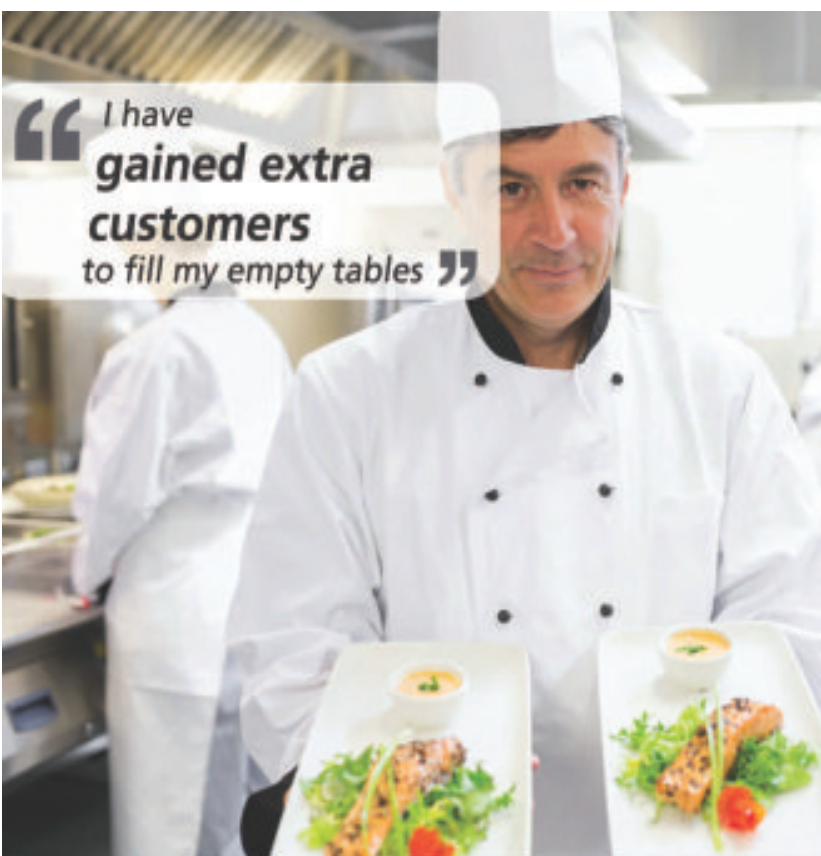
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# Gluten free food off GPs' menu

SOMERSET Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the GP led organisation responsible for the planning and funding of Somerset's health services, is recommending that the county's GPs no longer prescribe gluten-free foods to people living with coeliac disease.

Coeliac disease is caused by a reaction of the small intestine to gluten. Gluten is part of certain foods – mainly foods made from wheat, barley and rye.

Approximately 1,000 people in Somerset are currently prescribed gluten free foods at a cost of over £350,000 each year.

Somerset CCG is proposing that from December 1st 2016 people living with the disease no longer receive such foods on prescription.

There are three key reasons why Somerset CCG is proposing to stop prescribing;

1. People with coeliac disease can follow a gluten-free diet without needing to have specially prescribed gluten-free foods;
2. Gluten-free foods are now widely available in supermarkets, restaurants and shops (all major supermarkets also offer home delivery of food);
3. The NHS has a limited budget and has a duty to secure best value (the continued prescribing of gluten-free foods is not considered good value for money).

Dr Ed Ford, a Minehead GP and interim chairman of Somerset CCG, explained: "Following a gluten-free diet can be achieved without resorting to specially formulated foods on prescription and the continued prescribing of gluten-free

products is not good considered good use of scarce NHS resources.

"Many more gluten-free products can now be found on the shelves of supermarkets, including staples like bread, flour and pasta."

Dr Ford added: "We will continue to support, advise and monitor patients diagnosed with coeliac disease through GP practices, community dieticians and hospital gastroenterology departments and this includes an annual review of anyone diagnosed with coeliac disease."

"Local GPs and health professionals have been advised that the proposal is to make the formulary change to gluten free

products will be on December 1st 2016."

The charity Coeliac UK provides specific advice, support and resources to people and their families living with the disease. Information is available from Coeliac UK – [www.coeliac.org.uk/home](http://www.coeliac.org.uk/home)

If members of the public or people living with coeliac disease wish to share their views with Somerset CCG about the recommended ending of prescribing of gluten-free products they are advised to do so by Monday, November 7th 2016.

People can contact the CCG by either calling 0800 085 1067 or email [pals@somersetccg.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@somersetccg.nhs.uk)

## Sharing services across the county

A GRANT of £177,500 has been given to help public service organisations in Somerset share services and buildings with each other.

The Somerset One Public Estate (OPE) partnership – made up of all of Somerset's councils, police, fire and health services – put in a successful bid to central government and the Local Government Association (LGA).

Successful pilots and examples of this type of partnership working have already taken place in the Shape Mendip public services hub in Shepton Mallet, Bridgwater House and the newly opened Library Hub in Glastonbury.

The Somerset OPE partnership will now look for more opportunities to share building space to make it easier for people to access services, and reduce costs for the services in question.

Somerset County Council leader John Osman said: "We're thrilled to be part of the One Public Estate Programme."

"We are already working closely with our public sector partners to find new and innovative ways to make better use of our buildings and deliver services in a more joined up way."

"This will give us the opportunity to develop this work further, which will help us all reduce building running and maintenance costs at a time when we need to make significant saving."

The first locations to benefit from this project funding will include, Shepton Mallet, Yeovil, Bridgwater, Taunton and Chard.

The Somerset OPE Partnership will be able to bid for further funding in the future for other projects.

## Santa Claus is coming to town

THE streets of Crewkerne, Merriott and Misterton will have special visitors later this month as the Rotary Club is set to bring Father Christmas to the area.

The sleigh, kindly built for the club by the elves at Yeovil College, had its first outing at the lighting up event on November 25th 2016.

It will now be touring the town spreading joy and sweets as it raises funds with a bucket collection for local Rotary charities.

Honorary Rotarian, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, said: "Santa always talks about how much he likes coming to Crewkerne and he really wants to help the Rotary to raise as much money for local charities as he can."

"The reindeer team are a bit tired out though, so we might send a four-by-four to pull him instead."

The float will be out-and-about between approximately 6.30pm and 8pm on Monday, December 12th: Merriott; Tuesday, December 13th: Crewkerne (Lang Road, Bushfield Road, Langmead Road), Wednesday, December 14th: Crewkerne (Kings-

wood Road, Kit Hill, Park View); Monday, December 19th: Misterton and Crewkerne (South Street); Tuesday, December 20th: Crewkerne (Fox Meadows, Ashlands Road, Oak Drive, Maple Drive); Wednesday, December 21st: Crewkerne (Beechwood Drive, Bincombe Drive, Old Mill Lane, North Street, West Street, Lyewater).

The 2015 collection raised more than £1,000, with funds being donated to local charities supported by the Rotary Club of Crewkerne District.

These include Henhayes Memory Club, School In A Bag and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

A club spokesperson said: "The club welcomes new people from all walks of life who want to use their expertise for good; people whose sense of responsibility inspires them to give back to their communities."

"If you would like to get involved with the club you don't have to be invited, simply get in touch and arrange to meet the club by calling Caroline on 07411 226300 or email [membership@crewkernedistrictrotary.org.uk](mailto:membership@crewkernedistrictrotary.org.uk)



# Crewkerne packed for Christmas lights switch-on



by Anders Larsson  
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FATHER Christmas arrived in Crewkerne on the evening of Friday, November 25th to be greeted by a very excited crowd outside Victoria Hall.

The build-up to his arrival saw the town centre packed with people enjoying the many activities and attractions on offer.

Compere Steve Carpenter was in charge of the stage outside the Victoria Hall, and led the Christmas lights switch-on countdown with Santa and the Mayor of Crewkerne, Councillor Robin Pailthorpe.

A town council spokesperson described the evening and its events as "a big success".

The Christmas spirit continued on December 3rd when St Bartholomew's Church held its annual Christmas bazaar.

● This story should have appeared in last week's edition. We apologise for this production error



■ CHILDREN were delighted to welcome Father Christmas

■ SANTA, compere Steve Carpenter and mayor Robin Pailthorpe in the crowd



■ THE Friends of Crewkerne Museum had a table full of festive cakes



■ VOLUNTEERS and representatives from local organisations enjoy mulled wine on one stall

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# School turns 'rouge, blanc et bleu' for French day

CHARD School was a sea of red, white and blue last week as pupils enjoyed a day of French activities.

Everyone was treated to a delicious French breakfast, featuring brioches, crêpes, croissants, madeleines and pain au chocolats, as well as pâté and cheese.

There was a boules tournament, a treasure hunt and a construction challenge.

By lunchtime the school was awash with Eiffel Towers and Louvres made out of marshmallows and spaghetti!

The tough task of picking the most inventive outfits ended the day. Awards went to Evie and Matthew for their brilliant 'bunches of grapes', Scarlett and Phoebe for their French chef outfits and also to Napoleon (Harry) and Dora for her French frog!

Modern languages teacher Mrs Clayton said: "The children had a great day and took part with enthusiasm in all the activities! Merci beaucoup à tous!"



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# Perry's Cider celebrating a year of awards

PERRY'S CIDER in Dowlish Wake, Nr Ilminster have had another very successful year winning awards at the professionally acclaimed Great Taste and Taste of The West Awards

Perry's Cider have won three Gold stars at the Great Taste awards for their single variety Redstreak Cider, as well as Gold Stars for Single Orchard Grey Heron and Vintage Cider. At the Taste of The West Awards more awards were scooped including four Golds and two silver, culminating in their Vintage Cider being named as Champion Cider.

The multi award winning cider company can be found a little off the beaten track, but well worth the visit nestled in the picture postcard village of Dowlish Wake. Not only do Perry's make great cider and

apple juice, there is a well-stocked shop with a plethora of tasteful gifts, locally sourced food and drink, a selection of hampers great for those hard to buy for relatives and is of course stocked full of the artisan ciders and apple juice. All the cider is available to taste and there is both sparkling and still ciders available as well as draught cider, perfect for Christmas get togethers. There is a small rural life museum housed in the original 16th century thatched cider barn from where the company first started, and a tea-room serving a great selection of light bites and homemade specials, why not have a warming cup of coffee and a slice of cake, from the range of sweet treats available.

The tea-room is currently taking bookings for their excellent Christmas Lunch, and with three courses at £20 it is fantastic value, you can always expect a warm welcome and hearty meal from the team. (available weekdays throughout December-booking is essential, 2 courses are also available).

Perry's Cider is a great destination at any time of the year, not least on the lead up to Christmas the cider and juice produced on site is crafted into beautifully tasting products that could grace any table in the festive period, given as gifts or simply enjoyed. Why not come and visit, get away from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas rush!

Perry's Cider is open 7 days a week, half day closing on Sundays. Christmas opening hours may differ.



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Now in stock are some fantastic festive dog toys and chew toys to keep your four-legged friend entertained over the Christmas period. Also, so your pet isn't left out, there are Christmas stockings for cats, dogs and small animals. Functional and fashionable dog coats are also available to help your best friend stay warm as the cold nights draw in, as well as cosy beds to ensure complete comfort and a perfect nights rest.

Our pets are family and give so much love and enjoyment throughout the years, so why not give something back this Christmas?

Visit Pets Pantry and make all your pets Christmas wishes come true!



## New Street Vets

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT AT CHRISTMAS

EVERYONE likes to indulge a little Christmas, but a treat for us can be bad news for our pets.

Chocolate contains a substance called Theobromine which is toxic to dogs and can cause symptoms including vomiting, diarrhoea, hypersalivation and hyperactivity. In more severe cases a high temperature, irregular heart rhythm, kidney failure, convulsions and even death.

Dark chocolate and cocoa contain particularly high concentrations of Theobromine so can be especially toxic.

Currants, Grapes, Raisins and Sultanas can also be poisonous, even in small quantities, and can cause vomiting, diarrhoea and kidney failure.

So – please make sure all those Christmas cakes, puddings and mince pies are kept out of reach of your dog and take particular care of chocolates under the tree !

If you think your dog has eaten any of these things, please contact your vet as soon as possible – the quicker we can treat these animals the less chance of severe or long-term effects.

We hope you and your pets have a happy and safe Christmas.

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### THE VALE VETERINARY GROUP'S BRAND NEW SUPPLEMENT RANGE - VALE VITALITY



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Every day there are reports of cats going missing and others being found. Fortunately, many of these have been microchipped and are quickly reunited with their families but many have not been chipped. How do we reunite these poor cats with their owners? Of course it is important that someone finding a stray cat or one that has been injured gets it scanned for a chip. Your local vet should be willing to do this. If a chip is present it is normally quick and easy to locate the cat's family, although it is important that the contact details are up to date.

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Christmas pudding and cake quite often contain a high quantity of raisins, currants and sultanas which can be highly toxic to dogs. While some individual dogs may show no obvious clinical signs after ingestion it can take as little as 8 raisins to cause severe renal failure.

It may also go without saying, but alcohol and pets don't mix. Alcohol toxicity can cause a dan-

gerous drop in your pet's blood sugar levels, blood pressure and body temperature. Seasonally also watch out for antifreeze even small spills and empty bottles and cause lethal poisoning, especially in cats who are attracted to its sweet taste. Within 30 minutes animals can be vomiting and cause irreversible damage to kidneys usually resulting in euthanasia.

If you notice your pet has consumed any of your Christmas goodies please contact the hospital immediately on 01297 630500.

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## Coombefield Veterinary Hospital



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# It's not worth the risk... **THINK!** DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

The festive season is now upon us and with it comes work nights out and an opportunity to catch up with friends and family. **But for all too many, it's tempting to ruin the celebrations by driving home after a couple of drinks.**

**I**N THE last 50 years road casualties caused by drink driving have fallen dramatically, but in 2014, there were still 240 deaths due to drink driving – accounting for 14% of all road fatalities. By drinking and driving, you risk your life, those of your passengers and others on the road.

Any amount of alcohol affects your ability to drive.

## THE LAW

There are strict alcohol limits for UK drivers: In England, Wales and Northern Ireland, the legal alcohol limit for drivers is:

- 35 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 80 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 107 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine

In Scotland (from 5 December 2014) the legal alcohol limit for drivers is lower at:

- 22 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 50 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 67 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine.

However it is not possible to say how much alcohol you can drink and stay below the limit. The way alcohol affects you depends on:

- your weight, age, sex and metabolism (the rate your body uses energy)
- the type and amount of alcohol you're drinking
- what you've eaten recently
- your stress levels at the time

So if you're driving, it's better to have none for the road.



## DRINK DRIVING

- Don't drink and drive, the only safe limit is none.
- You can still be over the limit the morning after.
- Drink and drug driving does cost lives.
- Get caught drink driving and you will be treated like any other criminal.
- A drink driving conviction will stay on your licence for 11 years.
- Program a phone number for a licensed taxi company into your mobile phone before you go out.
- If you are caught drink driving you will be required to attend court where you could face a fine, be banned from driving or imprisoned.

## THE CONSEQUENCES

There are strict penalties - if you are convicted of drink driving, including:

- A minimum 12 month driving ban
- A criminal record
- A hefty fine
- An endorsement on your license for 11 years

However, this list does not reflect the everyday consequences of being caught drink driving which can include:

- Increase in car insurance costs
- Job loss
- Trouble getting in to countries like the USA
- The shame of having a criminal record
- Loss of independence

The Institute of Advanced Motorists calculate that a drink drive conviction could cost between £20,000 - £50,000 as a result of fines, solicitors fees, increase in car insurance and loss of job.

## YOU DRINK YOU DRIVE YOU LOSE



## THINK! Advice

### Beware the morning after

You could be over the legal limit many hours after your last drink, even if it's the 'morning after'. Sleep, coffee and cold showers don't help to sober you up - time is the only way to get alcohol out of your system.

### There is no excuse for drink driving

"I can handle my drink."

Alcohol affects everybody's driving for the worse. It creates a feeling of overconfidence, makes judging distance and speed more difficult and slows your reactions so it takes longer to stop.

"I'm only going down the road."

A large proportion of all drink drive crashes occur within three miles of the start of the journey.

### If you're planning to drink alcohol, plan how to get home without driving

Options include agreeing on a designated driver, saving a taxi number to your phone, or finding out about public transport routes and times before you go out.

Don't offer an alcoholic drink to someone you know is planning to drive

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# It's not worth the risk... **THINK! DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE**

## COUNTRY ROADS

### *Brake before the bend, not on it*

59% of all fatalities occur on country roads. These roads often have sharp bends and blind bends which can hide unexpected hazards. Stay in control and give yourself time to react because you never know what's around the corner. THINK! Brake before the bend, not on it.

#### THE FACTS:

- 59% of all fatalities occur on country roads
- Three people die each day on average on country roads
- The number of people killed on country roads is nearly 10 times higher than on motorways
- In 2015, 10,307 people were killed or seriously injured on country roads in Great Britain

## THINK! Advice

- ✓ The best drivers read the road ahead and anticipate potential hazards. Look out for upcoming bends, hidden dips, blind summits and concealed entrances
- ✓ Country roads often have sharp bends. To stay in control and give yourself time to react to unexpected hazards, brake before the bend, not in it
- ✓ Overgrown verges, bushes and trees on country roads can block your view and potentially obscure an oncoming hazard. Always drive at a speed which will allow you to stop in the distance you can see to be clear (double that on a single track road). Allow more time to stop on wet or slippery surfaces
- ✓ The speed limit is a limit not a target. The national speed limit on single

carriage roads is 60mph, but there will be times you need to drive under that in order to drive correctly for the conditions. In fact most people do on these roads – the average free flow speed is 48mph

- ✓ If you get stuck behind a slow moving vehicle be patient. Dips in roads, bends and other junctions joining your road often hide oncoming vehicles, so unless it's absolutely safe, don't overtake
- ✓ If passing more vulnerable road users such as horse riders, cyclists and walkers, pass wide and slow
- ✓ Even if you're familiar with a country road, never take it for granted as the conditions can be different every time

## CYCLING

The numbers of people choosing to cycle for fun, fitness or to get to work has increased by more than a quarter in twenty years and an incredible 3.2 billion miles are cycled on our roads every year.

Riding a bike is safe – since 2010 the number of cyclist killed on our roads has fallen to its lowest level on record. However, 3,337 cyclist were killed or seriously injured on our roads in 2015 which is why THINK! has launched its latest cycling campaign.

The aim of the campaign is to raise cyclists' awareness of the dangers of lorries turning left – the area where a third of collisions between cyclists and lorries happen. In the last 5 years, 104 cyclists have been killed in accidents involving an HGV (heavy goods vehicle). This accounts for nearly 20% of all cycling fatalities.

We want to remind cyclists to 'hang back' at junctions to avoid getting caught between a lorry and left hand turn.

THINK! has also teamed up with the Freight Transport Association to remind HGV drivers to look out for cyclists.

## HORSES

### *Pass horses wide and slow*

Horses are large powerful animals but they can easily panic and bolt if startled. The consequences to drivers, their car, the horse and its rider can be horrendous. By following some basic advice, drivers and riders can help avoid accidents involving horses on the road.

#### THE FACTS:

- 11 horse riders were killed and 116 seriously injured in collisions with motor vehicles, in the five years to 2015
- Horses can weigh more than half a tonne – they are easily scared by noise and may panic around fast-moving vehicles

## THINK! Advice

### *ADVICE FOR MOTORISTS:*

- ✓ Slow down and be ready to stop if necessary
- ✓ Look out for riders' signals to slow down or stop
- ✓ Watch out for sudden movements, horses can be easily frightened and unpredictable
- ✓ Don't sound your horn or rev your engine
- ✓ Pass wide and slow when overtaking; giving the horse plenty of room. Don't accelerate rapidly once you have passed them
- ✓ On roundabouts, horse riders will keep to the left within the roundabout until reaching their exit, when they will signal left. They will normally signal right only when approaching exits they don't intend to use

### *ADVICE FOR HORSE RIDERS:*

- ✓ Always display fluorescent/reflective clothing on both horse and rider whatever the weather or light conditions
- ✓ If at all avoidable, don't ride in failing light, fog or darkness. Avoid icy or snowy roads
- ✓ If riding a horse that is not used to roads, ask a rider with a horse who is experienced and calm to accompany you
- ✓ Never take a mounted group of more than eight horses on the road
- ✓ If riding two abreast, move into single file as soon as it is safe for the motorist to overtake. Don't ride more than two abreast on the road
- ✓ Always cross major crossings in a group, rather than trickling across one by one
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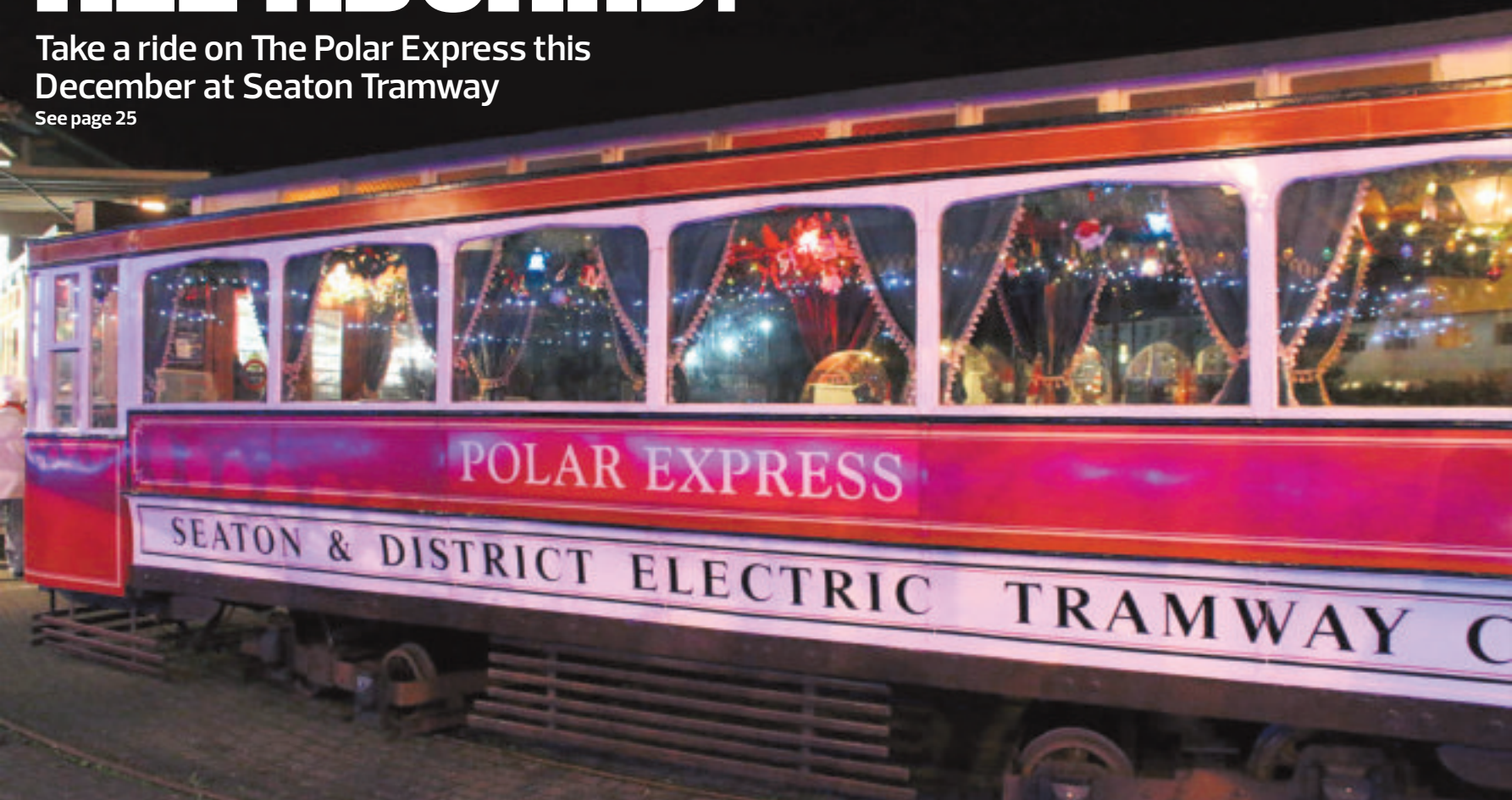
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**CRAIG MILVERTON**

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Folk's odd couple serve up a feast of fun *page 28*



# Diary Dates

## TUESDAY DECEMBER 6TH

**CREWKERNE:** Computer Drop-in – Questions answered and help provided. 10am to 12 noon at Henhayes Centre, £2/£3.

**CREWKERNE:** Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.00 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

**CREWKERNE:** Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 – 4pm

**HONITON:** Christmas Bingo at Monkton Hall. Eyes down 8pm.

**SIDMOUTH:** View the huge Victorian Crystal Chandelier at ground level. (over 12' high) at Sidholme Music Room. Teas, coffees and an opportunity to make a donation for a crystal component in memory of loved one or to celebrate a memorable event. Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields. 12–2.30pm. In aid of Friends of Sidholme Music Room Restoration Project.

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7TH

**SEATON:** Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8–10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit [www.jurassicfolkandjam.com](http://www.jurassicfolkandjam.com)

**COLYTON:** Devonshire Association Axe Valley Branch at the The Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, 2.30pm An illustrated talk "The Three Hares". Dr Sue Andrew will reveal the story of this enigmatic medieval motif. Not only found in 17 churches in Devon, but, intriguingly, also in Buddhist, Islamic and Jewish contexts. All welcome, admission £1 for DA members, non-members £3. Details from 01297551529 or [brian\\_denham@talktalk.net](mailto:brian_denham@talktalk.net)

**ROUSDON:** Combpynne Rousdon Social Club Annual Turkey Bingo. At Peek Hall, Rousdon. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm. Half time tea, coffee, pasties and hotdogs. For more details call 01297 443235.

**KILMINGTON:** Film: "Eddie the Eagle (PG)". Moviola screening at the Village Hall (Whitford Rd), doors and bar (wine and soft drinks) open at 6.45pm Film start 7.15pm. For more details or advance booking contact: 01297 32335. Tickets £5 if purchased in advance or £5.50 at the door.

**CHARD:** The Zembard Singers 'Sing Christmas'. An informal evening of enjoyable festive music. A programme of well-known traditional music, gallery carols and new music to celebrate the Christmas Festival. Refreshments available during the interval. A retiring collection in aid of St Margaret's Hospice. At St Mary's Church, Church Street, Chard. Contact telephone – 07768 028572, email – [zembardsingers@gmail.com](mailto:zembardsingers@gmail.com)

**LYME REGIS:** Indoor Bowls every Wednesday. Have a go, good fun. 7.15, 9.45pm. £1.60. Tea and biscuits. At Woodmead Halls.

**AXMINSTER:** 'What did women do all day in Tudor and Stuart England?' Social historian Dr Mark Hallwood will tell us about the everyday experience of women's work in pre-industrial England 1500–1700' based mostly on material from Devon. Axminster Historical Society 7.30 pm The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street. All Welcome!

**CLAPTON:** Clapton & Wayford Village Hall – sew, knit & natter, 10.30am. All welcome; details from Jill (01460 72837)

**COLYTON:** Colyton, Colyford & District Memory Café St John Hall, King Street 2pm to 4pm

**CREWKERNE:** Bingo with cash prizes at Henhayes Centre. Eyes down 2.30pm.

**SIDMOUTH:** Coffee Concert by Sidmouth Primary School and songs from John Brindley. At Sidholme Music Room. In aid of Sidmouth Town Band. Tea and coffee £1. Free entry.

**CHARD:** The Church of the Good Shepherd Christingle Service, 2pm.

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 8TH

**SEATON:** Seaton Garden Club Christmas meeting in the Masonic Hall, Queen Street, Seaton at 2.30 – Talk and Demo of Christmas Floral Arrangements by Angie of Cottage Flowers. Ilminster. Visitors welcome – Cost £2.00 to include refreshments – for more details please contact 01297 24049

**CREWKERNE:** Over 50's Keep Fit – 10.00 am to 11.00 am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8–10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £2.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

**AXMINSTER:** 'Christmas and other Calendar Cus-



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# Diary Dates

toms in Devon' a Talk by Devon historian Dr Todd Gray, who has published a book on the subject. And to add to the atmosphere mince pies and mulled wine! 7.00 pm The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street. All Welcome! Tickets £5 from Archway Bookshop or call 01404 881587

**HONITON:** Honiton 55 Day Care Centre Christmas Dinners. Full festive menu £8 per head all welcome, booking essential. Entertainment every session. Call Jean on 01404 43545.

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 8TH – SUNDAY 11TH

**HONITON:** St Paul's Church's third Christmas Tree Celebration. This year there will be several different music groups and instrumentalists providing live music over the four days. The aim of the Celebration is to draw people together from different parts of the community and at the same time raise much needed funds for repairs to St Paul's church. The event has proved very popular over the last two years and as we go to press there are still a few places available for your business or organisation to supply and display a Christmas tree to reflect who you are. If you would like to take part please contact Julia Beaman 01404 548709 or visit the church website [office@honitoncofe.org](mailto:office@honitoncofe.org) to download the relevant forms.

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm–4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle, £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

**AXMINSTER:** Axminster Country Dancing every Friday, 2–4pm, admission £2.10 including tea and biscuits. For more details call 01297 34326.

**CLAPTON:** Clapton & Wayford Village Hall – 'Food on Friday', mid-day for 12.30pm start. This will be a special Christmas lunch, priced at £5.50 to include main course roast with trimmings, roll & butter, choice of puddings, mince pies, unlimited tea/coffee. Special diets can be catered for if requested in advance. Open to all ages; very friendly atmosphere; newcomers really welcomed, but please book places in advance by phoning June (01460 77057) or Jackie (01460 72324), who will also provide more information if required

**DALWOOD:** A Day of Spinning: For all those who wish to learn, or improve their skills. Friendly and great fun! An Axminster Heritage Outreach Event. Limited places so please call 01404 813207 for details and availability. 10.30am – 3.30pm at The Pavilion, Dalwood, DEVON, EX13 7EW

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH – SUNDAY DEC 11TH

**DALWOOD:** Dalwood, Nr Axminster: Christmas Tree Festival in Dalwood Church, 10am–5pm each day. Closing at 5pm on Sunday 11th with a sing-along! Info: 01404 831365

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH

**SIDMOUTH:** Weekend Dancing with Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Christmas Party Night (festive wear please). At Stowford Centre, 8–11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. £6 on the door. For more details call 01803 325905.

**MISTERTON:** Christmas Fayre at Misterton W.I. Hall (TA18 8LX) – 10–2. Light lunches/refreshments and variety of stalls. 01460 77599/78931.

**LYME REGIS:** Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church, 4pm. Featuring Schubert 'Magnificat', Buxtehude 'Das neugeborne Kindelein', Carols for choir and audience. Tickets £15 on the door, £13 advance from TIC, and Penny Black Cafe. Under 19s free. Prices include a post-concert buffet. Concert dedicated to the late Sir Neville Marriner.

**HAWKCHURCH:** Christmas Fayre at Hawkchurch Village Hall at 2pm. Adults £1, Children free. Stalls selling Christmas goodies, refreshments and an appearance from Santa. All welcome. The hall post-code is EX13 5XD. For queries please contact Ruth 01297 678354.

**SEATON:** Seaton Royal British Legion Christmas Draw and table sale at the Methodist Church Hall. Ample free parking. Doors open 9.15am, close 1pm. Donation entry. Tea and coffee available. Father Christmas in attendance, in aid of branch funds.

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**CHARD:** Chard Camera Club will be getting together to celebrated their annual Christmas Dinner at 7.30pm at the Ridgway Hotel.

**MERRIOTT:** Christmas Bingo in aid of Merriott Majorettes, eyes down 7.30pm.

**MERRIOTT:** Karaoke at Merriott Social Club from 9.30pm.

## More Diary Dates on page 28

Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings – weekly listings without dates may not be published.



# Have yourself a jazzy little Christmas

AN IMPRESSIVE array of top UK talent pays tribute to the great Benny Goodman at Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, December 16th. Known as 'the King of Swing', Goodman is remembered in the popular imagination for his big band hits, but this tribute evening focuses on his small groups which featured Goodman on clarinet, Lionel Hampton on vibraphone, Charlie Christian on guitar and Teddy Wilson on piano. For this heart-warming trip down musical memory lane, Goodman's small group will be recreated by Julian Marc Stringle, Roger Beaujolais, Dominic Ashworth with the Craig Milverton Trio.

Julian Stringle is widely regarded as the UK's top clarinet player, having won the UK Jazz Award for clarinet three times. Like Goodman himself, Stringle started playing clarinet from a young age, and made his TV debut with Acker Bilk when

he was just 14, and has since played with many top bands, from John Dankworth to The Spice Girls. Roger Beaujolais started playing vibraphone at 24, and his first band was the Chevalier Brothers with Ray Gelato with whom he played in over 15 countries on 3 continents as well as the major jazz festivals in Europe. Dominic Ashworth is a member of Digby Fairweather's Half Dozen and Julian Marc Stringle's Dream Band. Craig Milverton has a remarkable ability to mimic the styles of all the great jazz pianists. On this occasion he will 'be' Teddy Wilson, and he will be supported by the rest of his trio, featuring Al Swainger on bass and Nick Milward on drums.

The concert promises to be a wonderful 'curtain raiser' to the

festive season - to make a real evening of it, the Arts Centre offers a popular pre-show supper for an additional £13 (these are limited and must be booked in advance). To book tickets and suppers please ring the Box Office on 01460 54973.



Craig Milverton

## Come and sing carols

ONCE again Seaton Methodist Church is hosting Come and Sing Carols as it was a great success last year.

While there will be two short pieces sung by a small singing group, two readings and a light-hearted piece, most of the evening centres on audience participation in singing ten carols.

There will be refreshments at the end.

Organist is David House.

So come along and join in at Seaton Methodist Church on Wednesday, December 14th at 7pm.

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# All aboard the Polar Express

"ALL ABOARD!" The Polar Express is coming to Seaton Tramway in Devon this December!

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ceive the first gift of Christmas from Santa himself.

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# Magical moments and festive fun this Christmas

## Dickensian daftness from Living Spit

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And he's brought Stu McLoughlin along for the ride to dress up, sing, dance and generally act like a complete idiot whilst playing ALL the other parts.

With silly songs, pitiful puppetry and more Dickensian daftness than you can shake a selection box at, Living Spit's *A Christmas Carol* is a feast of festive foolery!

Living Spit present their adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic this Saturday, December 10th at 8pm. Tickets are £12 and £10 concessions, available by calling 01297 442138 or visit the website at [www.marinetheatre.com](http://www.marinetheatre.com)



## The Italian Connection

**Axminster and Yeovil choirs reunite for 'Music for the season of Christmas'**

FOLLOWING highly successful collaborations during the previous two years, Axminster and Yeovil Chamber Choirs will be reuniting to perform a concert entitled "The Italian Connection – Music for the season of Christmas" at the beginning of December.

In all, over 40 local singers will take part in the concerts, which will be conducted by Peter Parshall who is director of both groups.

"This will be the third occasion on which the choirs have combined and I'm not sure at what stage these performances become a tradition!" says Peter. "Having the opportunity to combine two small chamber ensembles, however, enables us to tackle music in up to eight voice parts, which means that we can

bring some rarely-heard gems of the repertoire to local audiences."

Music by Palestrina, Victoria, Marenzio, Arcadelt and Mouton, amongst others, will feature during the concerts, which take place at 3.00pm on Sunday, December 11th in St Mary's Church (The Minster), Axminster EX13 5AQ, and at 7.30pm on Wednesday, December 14th in Holy Trinity Church, Lysander Road, Yeovil BA20 2BU.

Tickets cost £10 (to include refreshments), and are available on the door at both venues.

For more details on the Axminster Choir email [axminsterchamberchoir@gmail.com](mailto:axminsterchamberchoir@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.axminsterchamberchoir.com](http://www.axminsterchamberchoir.com), and for more details on Yeovil Choir email [yeovilchamberchoir@hotmail.com](mailto:yeovilchamberchoir@hotmail.com) or visit [www.yeovilchamberchoir.org](http://www.yeovilchamberchoir.org)

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## Celebrate Christmas with the Ottery St Mary Silver Band

OTTERY ST MARY Silver Band's ever-popular Christmas concert takes place on Friday, December 16th this year. Everyone is being encouraged to buy their tickets early to avoid disappointment as the concert has sold out in every recent year.

The entertainment will be provided by both of Ottery's bands who will be performing a range of Christmas music.

Brass class, the band's training band which features some of the younger (in terms of how long they have been playing and not necessarily age!) players have their own slot in the performance. Memories of childhood will be rekindled by a performance of Michael Jackson's 1972 hit "Rockin Robin" or, for those concert-goers with a slightly earlier childhood, "Frosty the Snowman" from

1950. Fans of "The Sound of Music" (and isn't everyone?) might like to reflect during the performance of "Little Drummer Boy" that it was recorded by the Trapp Family Singers in 1951.

As well as Christmas music, the Silver Band will be marking what would have been Freddie Mercury's 70th year with a selection of some of Queen's greatest hits which will have you clapping and stamping along with the band. The Christmas music ranges from the 18th century with

Vivaldi's "Winter" up to the present day with "Joy, Peace and Happiness" which gives each section of the band a chance to show off their talents. The traditional Christmas favourites have not been forgotten and will include "Jingle Bells" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas"; singing along, though

not obligatory, will be encouraged!

Tickets are available from Ross on 01404 813222 or from the Ottery St Mary branch of Gilbert Stephens. Ticket are £6.00 (children under 16 are free) and the concert is in The Institute, Ottery St Mary, on Friday, December 16th, starting at 7.45pm.







# Magical moments and festive fun this Christmas

## Christmas wrapped up

CHRISTMAS shopping doesn't have to be stressful! The annual Christmas Collection exhibition at Ilminster Arts Centre makes life very easy with a fantastic selection of locally crafted items that make perfect gifts for friends

and family. This year's 'collection' includes, among other goodies, practical and decorative ceramics by Sue Williams, and Sarah & Mike Crook, wonderfully cosy Shetland wool scarves and throws from Rural Rustic (for-

merly Dommett Hill Farm), colourful felt bags and bowls by Natasha Smart, wooden pens by Andy Millar, super soft goatskins from Bere Marsh Farm, and pretty silver jewellery from Jill Thompson, and Mike Coleridge.

This year there are also some unusual decorative pieces by The Little Paper People featuring kirigami

paper motifs and vintage electrical components - for the man who has everything! Come along and enjoy an unhurried shopping experience, and then sit back and relax over coffee and cake in the café afterwards. The exhibition runs until December 23rd, and is opening Monday to Friday 9.30am-4.30pm, and Saturdays 9.30am-2.30pm. Admission is free.



## Choral Society's Christmas Carol Concert

FOLLOWING a rousing performance of Handel's Alexander's Feast before a capacity audience in the minster in early November, it was straight back into rehearsals for members of the Axminster and District Choral Society, as they prepare for their forthcoming Christmas Carol Concert.

Director of Music Peter Parshall promises a traditional family event with opportunities for the audience to join in the singing of well-known carols to include Hark the Herald and O Come all ye Faithful. The large four part choir will also sing two choruses from Handel's Messiah: "And The Glory of the Lord" and "For unto us a Child is Born". There will be arrangements of Jingle Bells and Deck the Halls. The choir of St Mary's RC School, Axminster will perform 'We're walking in the air' from "The Snowman". The school strings and wind groups will also contribute with Jingle Bells and The First Nowell. Additional features will be an item with Peter Lee-Cox on the organ and the full choir singing John Rutter's beautiful "Star Carol."

The concert will take place on Saturday, December 17th at the Minster, Axminster 7pm. Tickets are available from Archway Books, Church Street, Axminster or phone 01404 881838 adults £10, children £5, under 8 - free. Family tickets at reduced price.

## Step back in time for a very Victorian Christmas in Exmouth

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# Diary Dates

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH

**YARCOMBE:** Yarcombe Christmas Market 10–12 at yarcombe Village Hall. Crafts, cards, flowers, cakes and much more.

**UPLYME:** Christmas Coffee Morning 10 am – 12 noon at Uplyme Village Hall. Coffee/Tea, Mince pie/Cake. Various stalls. Info, tel 01297 445110.

**WHITELACKINGTON:** Christmas Table Top Sale at Whitelackington Village Hall, 10am–1pm. Entry is free. 25 tables selling a huge variety of items, refreshments also available.

**HONITON:** Hospiscare Christmas Market, 9–12.30 Mackarness Hall, Honiton. Lovely gifts for sale, cakes & marmalade etc. Homemade refreshments served

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH

**COLYFORD:** Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall, 9am–2pm. To book a table (£5) or for more details call 07891 446839.

**SEATON:** Seaton Choral Society Christmas Concert: From Darkness to Light. Schubert Mass in G, CPE Bach flute concerto movement; Negro Spirituals from Tippett's 'Child of our Time'; Vaughan Williams Fantasia on Christmas Carols; Selection of Carols. Guest soloists, chorus and orchestra conducted by Dr Peter Milmer. Tickets £10 (under 18s free) from The Gateway Box Office Tel. 01297 625699. Doors open 3.30 for 4.00pm start.

**SEATON:** Seaton Choral Society's Christmas Concert 'From Darkness to Light' at The Gateway, 4pm. Featuring works by Schubert, Vaughan Williams and more. Performers include Chloë Stratta (soprano), Tony Yates (tenor), Rosamond Thomas (alto), and Simon Gallier. Tickets are £10 (under 18s free) from the Gateway Box Office on 01297 625699. Doors open 3.30pm.

## MONDAY DECEMBER 12TH

**AXMINSTER:** Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

**MISTERTON:** Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

**CHARD:** Weekend Dancing with Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Fireglow and Sparklers Night (with poppies too). At Chard Guildhall, 8–11pm. Free parking after 6pm in Council car park (not Lidl). Bring your own snacks. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. £6 on the door. For more details call 01803 325905.

**BEER:** Beer Film Society at Steamers Restaurant in Beer are showing 'Cafe Society' (12A) Woody Allen's Comedy, Drama, Romance set in 1930's USA starring Jesse Eisenberg, Kriten Stewart & Steve Carell. Doors open 7pm for 7.30, all welcome, general public £5 BFS members £3.50. For more information [www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk)

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome.

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit – 2 sessions 9.40 – 10.40, and 10.45 – 11.45am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.

**CREWKERNE:** Christmas lunch served at 12noon at Henhayes Centre. See advert for details.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

**SIDMOUTH:** Tea Dance at St Francis EX10 9XH, 2.30pm

**AXMINSTER:** Cooking for One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 11.00am–12.30pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. New venue United Reformed Church, Chard Road, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information or email [hannah@half.org.uk](mailto:hannah@half.org.uk).

**COLYTON:** Lanes and the River Coly, 10am–1pm. Explore the lanes and the River Coly in the historic Shute estate landscape. A walk organised by the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society and led by Donald Campbell. Meet at Colyton car park, Dolphin Street, SY24694Q. No booking required. Donation welcome to AVDCS.

**CREWKERNE:** Computer Drop-in – Questions answered and help provided. 10am to 12 noon at Henhayes Centre, £2/£3.

**CREWKERNE:** Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.00 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

**CREWKERNE:** Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2–4pm

**CREWKERNE:** Christmas lunch served at 12.30pm at Henhayes Centre. See black and yellow advert for details.

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH

**AXMINSTER:** Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30am–12.30pm. For parents and carers of children (0–18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing sim-

# Folk's odd couple serve-up a feast of fun

BELSHAZZAR'S Feast start with traditional English music, add a touch of classical and jazz, throw in a bit of pop and music hall, and top it off with wry humour for a unique live experience that has made them one of the most popular duos in folk music. They take to the road this November and December with their much-loved seasonal show.

Now in their twenty-first year together, Paul Sartin and Paul Hutchinson of Belshazzar's Feast bring a wealth of talent to the stage.

Paul Sartin was a member of the multi-BBC Radio 2 Award-winning big band Bellowhead, and of Faustus. Consultant and Director of the Andover Museum Loft Singers, he is author of 'Community Choirs Collection – Folk' published by Faber Music, an editor of music publications, and a BASCA-nominated composer whose commissions include works for the Central School of Speech and Drama, the Choir of Somerville College, Oxford, Streetwise Opera, and most recently, the BBC Radio 4 series 'Playing the Skyline'.

Paul Hutchinson's love of fusion music originates from his days in the renowned Celtic jazzers, Hoover the Dog. Pagoda Project, with jazz clarinetist, Karen Wimhurst, is the next exciting chapter in his musical journey providing a vehicle for his own compositions. Their debut album received the only 5 Star review in the March edition of Songlines and glowing tributes from amongst others, FRoots.

Paul is resident tutor at Cecil Sharp House, Halsway Manor, Benslow Music Centre and Marlborough College. He has a keen interest in and knowledge of 17th and 18th Century dance music which has resulted in tours to Europe and America.

Belshazzar's Feast received a coveted nomination for the Best Duo Award at the 2010 BBC Folk Awards and are regulars at folk festivals across the summer, with touring including a popular annual Christmas tour of seasonal songs and tunes. They have released a series of critically acclaimed albums across their career, the latest being The Whiting's On The Wall (2014/Unearthed), a live album recorded over the course of two concerts at The Pound in Corsham.

Belshazzar's Feast play live at The David Hall, South Petherton on Saturday, December 17th. Tickets are available by calling 01460 240340 or from [www.thedavidhall.org.uk](http://www.thedavidhall.org.uk)



Belshazzar's Feast

## VIEW FROM the beehive

### this December

With Wendy Van Der Plank

AFTER a very busy autumn things are really hotting up for Christmas at The Beehive with a wonderful assortment of entertainment to suit all tastes.

There are some fabulous family films and why traipse down to Exeter or Taunton when you can relax with your friends and family at The Beehive cinema, with lush ice creams and drinks you can enjoy whilst watching the movie?

To really begin the festive season the Royal Opera House live screening of The Royal Ballet performing 'The Nutcracker' is on Thursday, December 8th at 7.15pm. We offer special family tickets and there are still a few seats available for this event.

Other upcoming films include the touching true tale of a Ugandan child prodigy, chess player who raises her family from the slums in Disney's 'Queen Of Katwe' (PG) then we have two showings of 'Trolls'(U) at 3 and 5pm on Saturday, December 10th, and two showings of 'Dr Strange'(12A) on Saturday, December 17th at 5pm and 7.30pm.

On Friday, December 23rd at 2pm the fabulous festive 'Holiday Inn' starring Bing Crosby & Fred Astaire is our Nostalgic Cinema screening, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the café bar all for only £3.50! This is a Dementia friendly screening for all.

For something totally different gather your friends or work mates and Rock up & Frock up or come Suited & Booted to the Flower Power Xmas Party on Friday, December 16th. After meeting up in the bar for a glass of fizz and nibbles, be seated at your table for three course homemade supper while en-

joying the 60s & 70s show then get in the groove and dance the night away to the fabulous funky, Flower Power Band! All for £25.

Another fantastic live act, heading for another sell out show is our 'Mad Dog Mcreea' gig, don't be late for this one, as we have the awesome 'Esxies' all the way from Dublin, as the support act too.

For the hols this year we have a really enchanting family show, 'Freya-The Viking Saga' on Monday, December 19th at 11am and all tickets are £5. Suitable for 4+ this is the story of a plucky young Viking lass told with a great mixture of humour, music, puppetry and two actors in a really charming show.

We also have some very exciting shows lined up for next year, so do keep an eye on our website and pop in for our latest flyer. Jethro, Jay Rayner, Wille & The Bandits and David Suchet playing Lady Bracknell in the encore screening of 'The Importance of being Earnest' are just a few and what an assortment!

Feel free to come and visit us, browse the new Pauline Selhurst exhibition in the gallery or stop off for a drink and listen to the acoustic café performers on Wednesday, December 14th from 8pm.

Wishing all of our audiences, regular users, friends and fabulous team of volunteers a very happy, healthy Christmas and many thanks for your support. The Beehive will be closing on December 24th until Tuesday, January 3rd 2017. We very much look forward to seeing you at The Beehive soon. Box office 01404 384050 or check out our website [www.beehivehoniton.co.uk](http://www.beehivehoniton.co.uk)

# Diary Dates

ple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Pre-school age children welcome with parents/carers. New venue Masonic Hall, South Street, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email [admin@half.org.uk](mailto:admin@half.org.uk).

**AXMINSTER:** The second illustrated talk of the Musbury Garden club's new (7th) season will be held at Musbury Village Hall on Monday 14 November at 7.30 pm. Jenny Short will cover ponds and water features from formal architectural designs to more natural wildlife ones. Refreshments from 7 pm. All welcome. £2.50 for non-members.

**LYME REGIS:** Indoor Bowls every Wednesday. Have a go, good fun. 7.15, 9.45pm. £1.60. Tea and biscuits. At Woodmead Halls.

**CHARD:** Chard Rotary Carols by Candlelight featuring the children of Redstart Primary School at Chard Methodist Church, Fore Street. 7.30pm. Admission free, but a collection will be taken for Children's Hospice South West. Coffee/tea and mince pies following the event. For more details call 01460 66631 or email [chardrotaryclub@talktalk.net](mailto:chardrotaryclub@talktalk.net)

**SEATON:** Seaton Methodist Church is hosting Come and Sing Carols. While there will be two short pieces sung by a small singing group, two readings and a light-hearted piece, most of the evening centres on audience participation in singing ten carols. There will be refreshments at the end. Our organist is David House. 7pm.

**COLYTON:** Colyton Carnival Christmas Bingo at Colyton Town Hall, 8pm. Turkey meat, Christmas fayre and a cash flyer.

**CREWKERNE:** Bingo with cash prizes at Henhayes Centre. Eyes down 2.30pm.

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 15TH

**CHARD:** Chard Camera Club Competition night for the club as the members show their images in the Special Subject category of 'Bridges' along with two 'Open' subjects. Judge for the night being Mr Barry Welch. Further details can be obtained from the club's website [www.chardcamersclub.org.uk](http://www.chardcamersclub.org.uk) or by ringing Mr Malcolm Brocklehurst 01460 68616

**CREWKERNE:** Over 50's Keep Fit – 10.00 am to 11.00 am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8–10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £2.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

**HONITON:** Honiton 55 Day Care Centre Christmas Dinners. Full festive menu £8 per head all welcome, booking essential. Entertainment every session. Call Jean on 01404 43545.

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH

**SEATON:** Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30–12.30 Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At The United Reformed Church Hall, Cross Street, Seaton EX12 2LH. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information, email [hannah@half.org.uk](mailto:hannah@half.org.uk) or go to [www.half.org.uk](http://www.half.org.uk).

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm–4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle, £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

**TATWORTH:** Film: Florence Foster Jenkins (cert PG) at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

**AXMINSTER:** Axminster Country Dancing every Friday, 2–4pm, admission £2.10 including tea and biscuits. For more details call 01297 34326.

**HONITON:** Hospiscare Christmas Bingo, at Mackarness Hall, Honiton. Doors open 1.15pm Eyes down 2pm. Refreshments and raffle.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH**

**MERRIOTT:** Live music with "Renegades", starts at 9.30pm all welcome.

**HONITON:** Christmas Fair for Honiton 55+ Day Care Centre. Also a Christmas raffle at the fair. 10am–1pm. Various stalls, Santa in attendance for the young ones, music, food and drink.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

**SIDMOUTH:** Shelterbox Tea Dance at Stowford Centre EX10 9YL, 2.30pm.

**SIDMOUTH:** Pete Allen's Jazz in the Afternoon. The Kennaway All Stars Christmas Party, featuring Pete Allen, John Petters, Malc Hurrell, Keith Donald and Simon Banks. At Kennaway House Cellar Bar, 3pm–5.30pm (doors 2pm). Admission £13.50 at the door. Licensed bar, snacks available.

**MERRIOTT:** Childrens Christmas party 2–4pm, non members welcome £3 per child includes food & present from santa.



Nicky Sweetland's

## Showtime

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## My fear of missing out when there's so many shows to see

I'VE recently been introduced, by my younger colleagues, to an acronym, which often applies to my life; FOMO (fear of missing out) is something that becomes a weekly sensation when you spend half your time in one place and half in another.

I get invited to far more exciting things than I could possibly ever fit in and I often have to miss out on the shows I'd like to see simply because I don't

have the time in my schedule.

I also get FOMO when I'm in London and the gang from the office in Lyme Regis is out having fun, while I'm alone in the cold grey city (get your violins out; there really is no pleasing me). Occasionally, however, I manage to fit in everything I want and need to do, without any clashes, any worries about letting people down or any FOMO and this week looked like it was going to be one of those glorious weeks. My week in the capital started wonderfully by watch-

ing another beautiful performance of one of my favourite musicals, Side Show at Southwark Playhouse. This theatre is great if you want to see some good shows, near to Waterloo and at a very reasonable price (£25). There are a few similar 'Off West End' venues including the St. James Theatre at Victoria (which has just been bought by Andrew Lloyd Webber and will soon change its name to The Other Palace due to its proximity to Buckingham Palace), Park Theatre (a little further out, up at Finsbury Park) and

the Menier Chocolate Factory, where they often test out big shows before they are transferred to the West End, so it's an affordable way to see some great stuff.

I then rushed out to South East London for my first Christmas show, which was in a pub theatre in Penge and starred Olivier award winner George Maguire (Sunny Afternoon) and Britain's got Talent favourite Rachael Wooding.

Alas it was not to be, however, as when I arrived there was another freelance journalist who writes for our papers also there, so I had to leave. I did get to hang out with the current Green Witch in Wicked (Rachel Tucker) who runs the theatre with her husband but I was definitely left with FOMO. It did mean I got an early night and when the alarm went off at 4:30am the next morning I was grateful for the extra hours in bed.

I was invited to a sober Disco on the ice rink at Somerset House at 6am and by jingo it was cold, but it was also such a great time of day to see the city. The event was wonderful and I escaped with all of my limbs and most of my dignity in tact.

After doing a bit of work (yes, I do have to do some) I popped in to see the brand new musical Dreamgirls at the Savoy Theatre. As it's still in previews, I'm not allowed to tell you my opinion on it yet (press are embarrassed until the official opening night), but it

(although I think the boss has other plans!). They were presenting my favourite panto Cinderella and did a great job (you can read my review at viewnews.co.uk).

Next week I'll be off down to Exeter to review Peter Pan for Broadway World, before I venture to London to see Jest End (a clever mickey take of all the big West End shows), She Loves Me at the Menier Chocolate Factory (starring Scarlett Strallen and Les Dennis) before I officially attend a press performance of Dreamgirls at the Savoy Theatre (I wonder if I'll like it?). No FOMO for me next week!

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites london-news.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @Nicky Sweetland



The Sober Disco ice event at Somerset House which I had to attend at six in the morning



Hollywood actor Ed Harris in Buried Child at the Trafalgar Studios

was a great way to get out of the cold and the front row ticket (from the TodayTix lottery) was only £15.

People often ask me how to get cheap tickets for shows and my best advice is to shop around. Many of the shows do day seats (where you queue up at the box office on the day you want to go) and lotteries, which enable you to get great seats for a fraction of the usual price. My other tip is to go in January, as there are always fabu-

lous offers on tickets after the New Year and Official London Theatre run their Get into London Theatre campaign with lots of great deals.

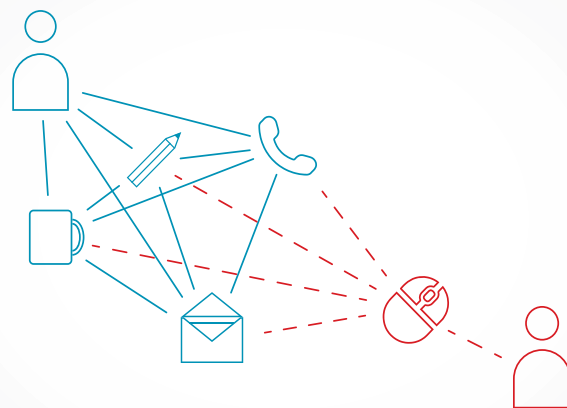
I also attended the glitzy launch of the What's On Stage awards, where I got to mingle with many of the stars of the West End including Tamsin Outhwaite, Kerry Ellis and the casts of all of the big West End shows. The nominations were announced with Dreamgirls and

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child leading the field. Following a public vote the winners will be given their awards at a dazzling ceremony in February.

It turned out to be a celebrity filled day, as I then went to the press night of Buried Child, which stars famed Hollywood actor Ed Harris. It is a very well acted but baffling play and I'm not entirely sure what happened in the end. The highlight of the evening for me was

sitting next to Josh Gad, who voiced Olaf the snowman in Disney's Frozen. I managed to resist the urge to ask him for a warm hug and when he asked me which bits of the UK he should see while he's here, I obviously told him he should come down to the South West (I actually invited him to the Great Lyme Regis Christmas Pudding Race, but he looked very confused when I tried to explain its concept!).

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We also require, from February, a special needs one to one support worker for Monday to Thursday mornings, 9am to 1pm. This is a fixed term position until the end of the summer term.

For more information and an application form please email Sam Doherty at sam\_doherty@yahoo.com or phone 07704058526.

Closing date is Tuesday 20th December.

We are committed to safeguarding our children and all of the relevant screening procedures will be undertaken in line with our Safeguarding Policy.

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## Public Notices

### Public Notice Licensing Act 2003

To whom it may concern:

Honiton Golf Club do hereby give notice that we have applied to the licensing Authority at East Devon District Council for a new Premises Licence at:

The Clubhouse, Honiton Golf Club, Honiton Devon EX14 9TR. And known as Honiton Golf Club

The application is to change licence from a club premises licence to a premise licence and sell alcohol between 10.00 and 23.30 Monday to Sunday and live and recorded music between 19.00 and 00.00 Monday -Sunday.

Any person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to the Licensing Manager, East Devon District Council, Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth EX10 8HL not later than 28 days after the 1st December 2016. www.eastdevon.gov.uk

A copy of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address during normal office hours.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary of conviction being £5000

Dated 1st December 2016

### PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003

To whom it may concern:

We Broadhembury Community Centre CIO do hereby give notice that we have applied to the Licensing Authority at East Devon District Council for variation of a Premises Licence at Broadhembury Honiton Devon EX14 3NG and known as Broadhembury Memorial Hall

The application is to: - Remove a condition on the current licence relating to closure of doors and windows during regulated entertainment.

Any person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to The Licensing Manager, East Devon District Council, Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth, EX10 8HL not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. www.eastdevon.gov.uk

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Signed: S M Middleton (on behalf of the applicant)  
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## ASK HILLARY - JUSTIN LOWE PARTNER OF GREENSLADE TAYLOR HUNT LOOKS AT SOME FAST CHANGING ATTITUDES IN THE PROPERTY MARKET.

THE presidential election result in America reminded us - if we needed any reminding - that we live in a time of massive immediate and fundamental change. A point not lost on us here in the UK after Brexit. In the property industry even Budget tax changes can alter buying and selling habits overnight. But there is a more gradual, yet no less significant change going on in our country which is having a significant effect on our attitude to property.

The baby boomers are finally making way for the millennials - Generation X to Generation Y. The digital generation is becoming the increasingly dominant force in the property market. And that will only gather pace in the years ahead. But this new group does not think or act like the old one.

The baby boomers could be relied upon incrementally to develop their parents' ideas. This new generation have their own thoughts entirely. For income and social reasons they are generally older when they buy property for the first time. They are far happier to rent than their parents were. They are not so keen to take on older, larger properties and are more reluctant than the last generation to repair, renovate and re-model. DIY is not regarded as a recreation and leisure time pursuit for the younger generation. Millennials often prefer more compact homes built in thermally efficient and ecologically agreeable materials. They want to control the heat, security, lighting and garden irrigation from a beach in Thailand. Sometimes they prefer a holiday in Thailand to buying a property in the first place - a point of view their parents would never understand.

Millennials often tend to favour new homes over old ones - if they have the choice. Those baby boomers

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Just as we witness year after year the dwindling numbers of world war veterans filing past the Cenotaph on Armistice Sunday, so we in the property industry witness a changing of the guard in the business of buying and selling homes. There has probably not been such a sweeping change in housing attitudes since the 1960s. The government should take note. Developers should take note. Estate agents should take note - and in particular house sellers should take note. For established norms in buyer behaviour are being swept away. The millennials have their own rules and everyone will have to get used to it, just as the political elite have to get used to it. Ask Hillary!

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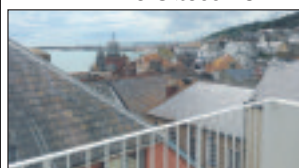
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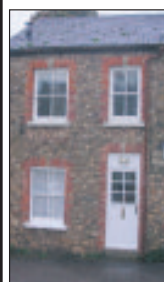
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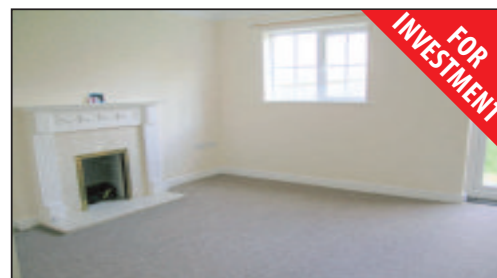
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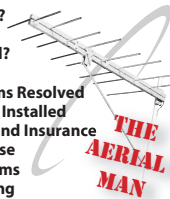
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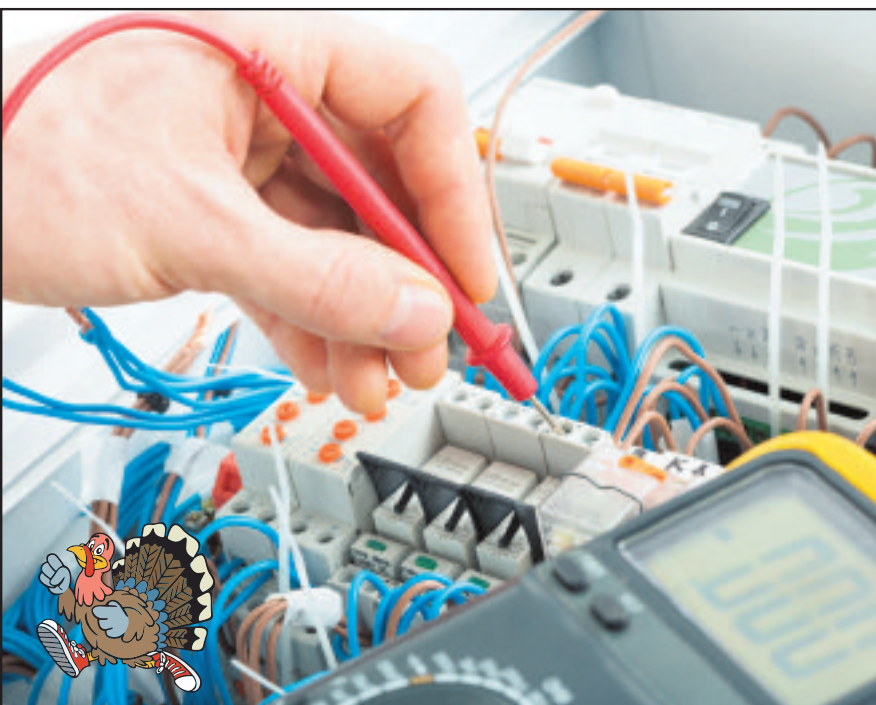
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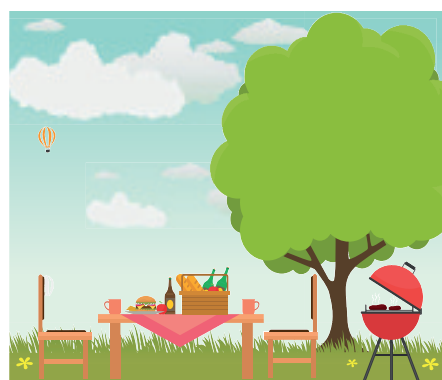
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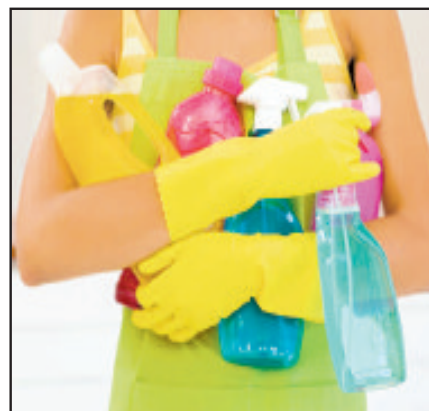
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"It's because we share our customers' passion for Fiesta that we've been able to take this iconic small car's lovable, fun and sporty-to-drive character to the next level, with a greater choice of models than ever and each with a distinctive personality," said Jim Farley, executive vice president and president, Europe Middle East and Africa, Ford Motor Company. "We now have a Fiesta option for every driver, including the luxurious Fi-

esta Vignale and the Fiesta Active crossover, with advanced technologies and features that small-car customers could only have dreamed of just a few years ago."

Among a class-leading range of Fiesta driver assistance features – supported by sensor technologies capable of monitoring up to 130 metres ahead – is an enhanced Pedestrian Detection system that for the first time can help prevent collisions at night; and the first Ford Active Park Assist system that can deliver brake interventions to prevent low-speed bumps when parking hands-free.

Fiesta is also the first Ford vehicle to feature a premium B&O PLAY Sound System, and for the first time offers an openable panoramic glass roof. The Fiesta's sophisticated SYNC 3 communi-

cations and entertainment system is supported by floating high-definition touchscreens up to 8 inches in size, and a spacious and ergonomic interior features an almost 50 per cent reduction in centre console buttons for a more intuitive environment.

Cutting-edge powertrains include Ford's multi-award winning

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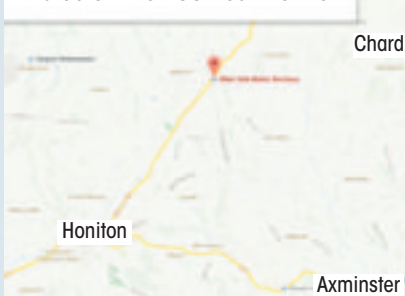
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Wellington	22	50
Hengrove Athletic	22	46
Cheddar	22	46
Malmesbury Victoria	22	38
Wincanton Town	23	35
Bishops Lydeard	22	34
Devizes Town	21	33
Ashton & Backwell	22	32
Radstock Town	21	30
Westbury Utd	22	30
CHARD TOWN	22	29
Warminster Town	22	28
Portishead Town	20	27
Welton Rovers	23	26
Roman Glass SG	22	25
Oldland Abbotonians	20	22
Bishops Sutton	22	21
Corsham Town	21	21
Calne Town	21	21
Chippenharn Park	22	20*
Almondsbury UWE	21	11

Somerset DIW (24)	Pld	Pts
Portishead Town Res	9	24
ILMINSTER TOWN	10	22
Street Reserves	9	19
Somerton Town	9	16
Uphill Castle	9	14
Highbridge Town	9	13
Minehead AFC	8	13
Winscombe	8	13
Burnham Utd	10	11
Cleeve West Town	11	10
COMBE ST NIC	8	7
Glastonbury	10	4
Congresbury	10	4

D&E Div 3 (20)	Pld	Pts
Bampton	10	30
University 4ths	12	27
East Budleigh	14	22
PERRY STREET	8	19
Honiton Town Res	11	17
Axminster Town Res	10	16
Tedburn St Mary	12	13
Newton Poppleford	9	12
Exmouth Amat Res	12	10
Clyst Valley Res	11	8
Clun Utd	13	4

D&E Div 7 (22)	Pld	Pts
Wellington 3rds	15	38
Cranbrook	11	28
ILMINSTER RES	11	28
Sidmouth Town 3rds	12	21
K&M Polonia Exe	13	17
Exmouth Spartans	12	16
Woodbury Res	13	16
Seaton Town Res	12	14
Cheriton Fitzpaine	12	12
Bickleigh Res	9	7
Cloyton Res	10	5
HT Dons	12	3

Perry St Premier (20)	Pld	Pts
Beaminster	9	25
Shepton Beauchamp	8	20
South Petherton	8	17
Winsham Utd	9	16
Barrington	7	15
Misterton	8	13
W & M Chinnock	8	9
Chard Utd	7	8
Netherbury	9	3
Combe Reserves	7	2*
Drimpton	10	0

Perry St Div 1 (18)	Pld	Pts
Merriott Rovers	6	14
Forton Rangers	7	14
Pymore	6	14
Hawthorn Utd	5	10
Ilminster Town Colts	6	7
Shepton Beau Res	5	6
Uplympe	5	5
Combe A	5	4
Waytown Hounds	4	3
South Petherton Res	6	1

Perry St Div 2 (18)	Pld	Pts
Chard Rangers	9	27
Farway Utd	10	20
Winsham Utd Res	9	19
Halstock	6	15
Charmouth	8	15
Thorncombe	10	8
Crewkerne Rangers	7	6
Dowlish & Donyatt	6	6
Kingsbury Episcopi	10	6
Chard Utd Reserves	7	0

Perry St Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Forton Rangers	21	21
Uplympe Reserves	9	21
Misterton Reserves	8	20
Crewk Rangers Res	11	19
Ilminster Town A	10	15
Merriott Dynamos	8	13
Thorncombe Res	10	13
Lyme Regis Rovers	11	11
Farway Utd Res	11	10
Drimpton Reserves	7	9
Fivehead	9	9
Chard Rangers Res	11	8
Chard Utd All Stars	8	2*

# The local sport scene

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football around the south somerset teams

## Away day woes continue for Chard

### Halstock in county semi-final - Blues battle back for draw - Ax crash out

**Westbury Utd 3 Chard Town 0**  
Toolstation Division One - att; 47  
CHARD Town are now the only side in the Toolstation League Division One without an away win this season.

The Robins slipped a place to 12th after a Saturday's defeat at Meadow Lane that leaves them with just three points from a possible 30 on their travels.

A George Bendle strike had the hosts with their noses in front at half time.

Both sides created some decent chances but Chard found home keeper Charlie Heydon in good form as they chased an equaliser.

A header from unmarked Nick Taylor in the 66th minute doubled the Wiltshire side's lead and the game was over four minutes later when substitute Ian Groves gave the score line a top-heavy look.

Next up for Chard is Saturday's visit by KEYNSHAM TOWN (3pm).

**Chard Town:** Jon Hill, Kieren Bailey, Andy Holmes, Shaun Wells-Burr, Pat Golden, Max Westlake, Luke Jackson (Scott Martin 49), Jack Dicker (Matt Howell 66), Brad Miles, Taufik Ben Salem, Steve Friend (James Boyland 68). Unused sub; David Duarte.

#### DEVON PREMIER CUP

**AXMINSTER TOWN 1 NEWTOWN 3 (AET)**  
AXMINSTER Town crashed out of the Devon Premier Cup as they were on the wrong end of a minor giant killing at Tiger Way on Saturday.

However, despite performing in a division lower, Newtown are the reigning Devon & Exeter League Champions and they showed their class to book a place in the last eight.

Things started well for Ax when midfielder Danny Clay fired them ahead in the 17th minute via the shins of a covering defender, but Simon Piper equalised midway through the half with a low shot past keeper Scott Wells-Burr.

Things got harder for the hosts when they had Callum Garrett sent off after a 50-50 challenge and they were forced to play for the remaining 12 minutes and the whole of extra time with 10-men. The home players and supporters felt the decision looked harsh.

The depleted hosts went close in the extra half hour when Ben Vine headed narrowly over, but the visitors capitalised on their numerical advantage with goals from Ben Howard and Corey O'Donoghue.

Next Saturday Axminster, now sixth in the South West Peninsula League Division One (East) table, will look to bounce back and avenge a 3-0 beating in the reverse fixture back in September when they welcome LIVERTON UNITED (3pm ko).

**Axminster Town:** Scott Wells-Burr, Craig Every, Elliot Dyer, Mark Smale, Chris Duchenski, Ben Vine, Liam Cleal, Danny Clay, Callum Garrett, Luke Finn, Ben Turner. Subs; Jamie Barfoot, Gary Spiller, Tony Pinder, Brad-Lee Miller.

#### SOMERSET LEAGUE - D1W

**COMBE ST NICHOLAS P HIGHBRIDGE TOWN P**  
A LEAKING water pipe on the Slades Cross pitch saw Saturday's scheduled match postponed.

"Hopefully we'll be ok for next Saturday's visit by UPHILL CASTLE [2pm]," said Saints boss Phil Loaring.

**Ilminster Town 2 Somerton Town 2**

ILMINSTER Town extended their unbeaten league record to 10 matches but they were made to work hard and came from behind twice to clinch their fourth draw of the campaign.

Somerton started well and deservedly carried a 1-0 lead into the interval courtesy of a penalty after a foul by Josh Parsons.

But Ilminster were much better after the turnaround and soon equalised through Jack Male.

They were pushing for a second when the visitors scored their second against the run of play when home keeper Caspar Paine tipped a shot onto the crossbar but the rebound was tucked away.

The Blues went close when top-scorer Taylor Jefferson somehow missed from close range, but they salvaged a point when MoM Chris Neziyana glanced in a header.

"It was a fair result but we could and should have won it," said Ilminster player-manager Jason Manley who felt Parsons and Joe Simmons did well but enthused about the performance of Neziyana: "I recommend up and coming footballers come and watch him play because he is a magic player."

Ilminster are due to visit struggling CONGRESBURY next Saturday (2pm), but before that the Blues travel to face STREET RESERVES tomorrow night (Wednesday, 7.30pm ko) for a match under the Tannery Field floodlights with a last 16 tie at Fry Club in the League cup at stake.

#### DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

##### K & M POLONIA 1

##### ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES 2 (D7)

GOALS from Renato Silva and Kamil Wilk earned Ilminster all three points on a day when they traveled to Exeter with a bare 11 and then lost keeper Jake Hardiman to early in the second half with midfielder Steve Rodber taking the gloves.

David Pereira earned Blues' manager James Govier's vote for MoM.

The Ilminster second-string travel to CHERITON FITZPAINE next Saturday.

After a weekend off Perry Street return to Division Three action with a trip to Morebath Road to take on BAMP-TON.

#### DORSET JUNIOR CUP QF

##### HALSTOCK 6 THORNCOMBE 0

HALSTOCK came out on top in the all Perry Street League quarter final as visitors Thorncombe were on the wrong end of six of the best. Chris Tanner (2), Mark Cawley, Ben Brister, James Parrott and Chris Kirk shared the goals.

#### PYMORE 1 MARNHULL 7

PYMORE, who lifted the trophy 13 years ago, were hammered on their own St Mary's turf by a Marnhull side who are going well in the Dorset League Division Three.

#### PERRY STREET LEAGUE

##### CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER-FINALS

##### CHARD UTD 2 SOUTH PETHERTON 3

THE player shortage at continues South Petherton with manager Karl Diment forced to play a full 90 minutes for the first time in two seasons. But the Magpies still had too much in the tank for a plucky Chard outfit.

Pethy led 1-0 at half time courtesy of an early Shane Adcock-Case strike.

United equalised 10 minutes after the turnaround but Leon Davis edged the



◆ **PROMOTION CANDIDATES:** Forton Rangers Reserves are going well on their return to the Perry Street League and currently sit on top of Division Three. Line-up, standing, from left; Ian Banfield (Manager), Robin Clempson, Alex Thompson, Dave Fowler, Adam Smith, Steve Cockerill, Stuart Packer, Joe Hall, Jack Alford. Front; Dave Trotter, Dave Harris, Sam Hall, Justin James, Steve Baker, Jake Hannis

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visitors back in front on the hour.

The goals continued and Chard leveled for a second time only for Karl Davis to pop up with the winner 10 minutes from time.

Brad Davies and Darren Wells-Burr scored the hosts' consolations.

#### COMBE RESERVES 1 NETHERBURY 5

AN Ollie Hine strike couldn't save Combe Reserves who dropped into the relegation zone after a disappointing 5-1 home defeat at the hands of fellow strugglers Netherbury.

Combe have had a point deducted for fielding an ineligible player.

#### SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 3 WINSHAM UTD 1

SHEPTON Beauchamp extended their unbeaten league run to eight matches with a 3-1 win over Winsham who have not lost four on the spin.

They took the lead when Brad Pittman forced stand-in keeper Donatas Jokubauskas to miss-kick straight to Jordan Brain who made no mistake.

But Winsham responded well and equalised when Ryan Clegg shot home from the edge of the area.

There were no further goals in a scrappy second half and the sides moved into extra time where George Pugson squeezed home a shot at the near post. The result was confirmed when Jokubauskas parried an Aaron Stayner free kick to Tom Lock who tucked away the rebound.

#### Semi-final draw;

Barrington v Shepton Beauchamp  
Netherbury v W&M Chinnock

#### JACK VENN CUP QUARTER FINALS

CREWKERNE Rangers came from behind to beat Farway United 3-2 at Henhayes. Fabio Souza put the Devonians in front but MoM Mark Holton made it 1-1 at half time.

A double from Tommy Martin proved decisive and Jack Murrall's 84th minute goal counted for little.

The other two ties produced a further 17 goals. There were nine at Kingsbury where Chard United stormed into a 4-0 lead before being pegged back to 4-4 only for skipper Dean Cooper to scramble home the winner after Kingsbury had had a penalty saved.

James Packer (2), Jamie Brown, Danilo Goncalves scored the other Chard goals with Dan Neate, Ollie Osbourne, Nigel Jeffries and Ben Dyke on target for the Kings.

It was much more one-sided at Bakersfield where Winsham United hammered Charmouth 7-1. Paul Stuart netted a hat-trick for the hosts whose others came from Corey Sutherland (2), James Male and John Allen.

#### Semi-final draw;

Winsham Utd Res v Chard Utd Res  
Halstock or Thorncombe v Crewkerne Rangers

#### JOHN FOWLER CUP R1

Chard Utd All Stars 3 (R.Hames 2, C.Quinn) Lyme Regis Rovers 4 (R.Prior 2, P.Peacock, S.Taylor), Farway Utd Res 3 (S.Trim, K.Fletcher, C.Horn) Drimpton Res 1 (A.Hodges), Fivehead 2 (T.Callow, OG) Chard Rangers Res (K.Fletcher), Merriott Dynamos 0 Forton Rangers Res 2 (D.Fowler, S.Packer pen), Thorncombe Res 2 (K.Cavanagh 2) Ilminster Town A 1 (T.Bond).

#### PREMIER

##### BEAMINSTER 13 DRIMPTON 0

"WE could have had 30!" was Beaminster manager Gordy Childs; frank assessment of Saturday's demolition of seemingly doomed Drimpton who shipped double figures for the third time this season.

Rich Hebditch led the way with a double hat trick to move up to 24 for the season in just 10 games. Josh Baker cooked up a hat trick with Murray Legg (2), Dean Hight and Jordan Hurry wading in with the others.

#### W & M CHINNOCK P BARRINGTON P

SATURDAY'S game at Oxleaze was postponed as no referee could be found to officiate the match.

#### DIVISION ONE

HAWKCHURCH United's promotion hopes were dented as they lost their unbeaten league record to a Warren Gabbidon goal in a 1-0 home defeat at the hands of Ilminster Town Colts.

Gabbidon bagged the winner in the second half for the Colts who were down to the bare bones: "I was in goal

and my assistant manager Dan Haines was the only sub, but it a great team performance," said a delighted Matt Rowswell.

Two of the other promotion candidates also dropped points; Forton Rangers were held to a 0-0 draw by visitors Combe A, while bottom of the table South Petherton Reserves pulled off one of the results of the weekend as they drew 1-1 with unbeaten leaders Merriott Rovers.

"They had a much-changed side and battled well with eight men behind the ball at all times, on another day we could have had 10," said Rovers boss Dan Childs who had to be content with Luke Gosney's seventh of the season. Dan Goodson netted the equaliser for the battling hosts.

The match at Uplympe was called off on Friday as Waytown Hounds failed to raise a team.

#### DIVISION TWO

Dowlish & Donyatt 2 (A.North 2) Chard Rangers 6 (J.Capper 2, S.Loader, T.Warren, J.Newbury, D.Contreras pen)

#### FIXTURES

**Saturday, December 10th**  
(all games 2pm ko)

##### TOMMY TABBERER CUP R1

Chard Utd Reserves v Crewkerne Rangers  
Kingsbury Episcopi v Forton Rangers  
Halstock v Thorncombe

##### PREMIER

Barrington v Chard Utd  
Beaminster v South Petherton  
Netherbury v Combe St Nicholas Reserves  
Shepton Beauchamp v West & Middle Chinnock  
Winsham Utd v Misterton

##### DIVISION ONE

Combe St Nicholas A v Hawkchurch Utd  
Ilminster Town Colts v Forton Rangers  
Merriott Rovers v Waytown Hounds  
Pymore v Uplympe

South Petherton Res v Shepton Beau Reserves

##### DIVISION TWO

Charmouth v Farway Utd

##### DIVISION THREE

Crewkerne Rangers Res v Chard Rangers Res  
Drimpton Reserves v Ilminster Town A  
Farway Utd Res v Uplympe Reserves  
Fivehead v Thorncombe Reserves  
Forton Rangers Res v Merriott Dynamos  
Misterton Reserves v Lyme Regis Rovers



## netball honiton league

## Top versus bottom games go to form

HI Q maintained their unbeaten record in Division One with a comfortable 58-22 win over Signs South West for whom faye Hawkins had a good game. Once again Laura French was the pick of the Hi Q players.

Flamingos also won convincingly beating Howden Hawks 55-9 Karen Hall and Rachel Larcombe for Flamingos and Hawks respectively were the star players.

A full complement of fixtures in Division Two saw Blackdown maintain their 100 percent record with a 40-22 victory against Swaggersmamas.

Blackdown, with Teresa Sandeman in fine form, were in commanding form with a 36-14 lead going into the final period and the Mamas unlikely to get a point.

The final quarter saw the Mamas led by Karen Bennett outscore Blackdown for the first time in the game and to do enough to gain a point from the fixture.

Sidmouth Toucans held onto the top spot thanks to their 36-23 win over JD Tyres. Toucans took control in the second quarter and never looked back. Sarah Sparkes was the player of the game for Sidmouth whilst Tiffany Munt was the JD star.

Tip Top Trees had to work hard for their three points against a determined Beer Blazers, for whom both Gemma Langham and Steph Upton played well.

The Blazers took an early 10-5 lead before 3Ts drew level at half way, and then edged 24-22 up going into the final period. With Megan Gooding in her stride the Trees held out to win by 33-28, leaving Beer still looking for that elusive first victory.

The final game saw Otter Valley beat Pixies 29-18 in a close fought game. Emily Hardingham played well for Pixies whilst Alice Quick was the pick of the Valley.

Division One	Pld	GD	Pts	Division Two	Pld	GD	Pts
Hi Q	7	141	21	Sidmouth Toucans	9	93	25
Flamingos	7	184	19	Tip Top Trees	8	42	22
Sidmouth T Chicks	5	88	12	Blackdown	7	88	21
Otters	5	23	11	Otter Valley	7	54	15
HNC Hot Shots	6	-26	11	JD Tyres	9	-4	12
F & P Panthers	6	-52	8	Pixies	8	-75	10
Signs SW	6	-160	3	Swaggersmamas	9	-121	10
Howden Hawks	6	-198	1	Beer Blazers	7	-77	5

## on the frontier around the local skittles leagues

## Colyton

**Div 1:** Honiton Con D 331 (J Richards 60) Gerrard A 389 (M Johnson 72); Tuckers Arms B 395 (R Hawkins 80) Red Lion Cavaliers 380 (M Summers 74); Axminster Con A 340 (T Wellman 65) Vine B 354 (K Gush 72); Red Lion A 391 (S Flint 76) Seaton FC A 370 (M French 72); Cloakham B 345 (M Enticott 70) Colyton Club A 360 (R Tedbury 65); Lamb A 33 (S Pomeroy 63) New Inn A 340 (R Webb 61); Colcombe A 451 (G Parsons 85) Lamb B 453 (M Pidgeon 91);

**Div 2:** Honiton WMC A 341 (G Chandler 60) Honiton Converts 336 (S Lapping, A Down 60); Volunteer A 318 (T Williams 61) Ship C 317 (V Trivett 60); Offwell A 381 (B Grant 73) Colcombe Beerboys 374 (P White 70); Kings Arms Beers 343 (J Gladstone 69) Sidbury Stones 356 (P Barham 70); Dolphin Vikings 385 (A Parkhouse 74) Eagle Tavern 353 (B Hutchings 67); Gerrard B drew with Wheelwright A

**Div 3:** Sidbury Village Inn 357 (G Ruck 69) Mountbatten Whites 339 (S Bonetta 63); Vine B 380 (G Norman 65) Wilmonds Harts 330 (J Woolacott 62); White Hart B 346 (D Etherington 63) Three Tuns BTP 323 (A Deen 64); Red Lion Sidbury 323 (N Barrett 59) Cloakham Wanderers 323 (C Coulson 61); Ship A 343 (P Ives 65) Volunteer B 388 (S Holsworth 78);

**Div 4:** New Inn B 331 (D Hodder 69) Tuckers Arms C 289 (R Dare 58); Heathfield A 345 (A Double 67) Honiton Con A 3355 (G Mills 62); Honiton Con Artists 362 (M Joslin 65) Rising Sun A 365 (R Parsons

66); Seaton FC B 345 (D Park 71) Kings Arms A 376 (K Tozer 80); Winstons A 354 (D Gammon 61) Honiton Wmc B 351 (P Heely 62);

**Div 5:** Seaton Bowling 289 (Barbara Thompson 54) White Hart A 275 (A Knight 54); Colyton Club B 342 (W Richards 61) Heatfield B 303 (Marion Fletcher 53); Colcombe Nomads 388 (P Easter 80) Winstons KOOTS 370 (J Miles 68); Kingfisher B 282 (D Strawbridge, B Dowell 51) Sidmouth Arms Kings 283 (S Fuller 56); Tuckers Arms D 324 (D Bennett 69) Dolphin B 325 (G Westlake, R Westlake 58).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Red Lion Cavs	10	16
Gerrard A	10	15
New Inn A	10	14
Vine B	10	14
Axe Con A	10	13
Tuckers Arms B	10	11
Seaton AFC A	10	10
Colyton Club A	10	9
Honiton Con D	10	8
Lamb B	10	8
Red Lion A	10	8
Colcombe A	10	6
Cloakham B	10	4
Lamb A	10	4

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Offwell A	10	16
Volunteer A	10	16
Sidbury SC Stones	10	14
Vine A	10	12
Dolphin Vikings	10	12
Colcombe Beerboys	10	9
Honiton WMC A	10	9
Ship C	10	9
Gerrard B	10	9
Honiton Converts	10	8
Wheelwright A	10	8
Eagle Tavern	10	6
Kings Arms Beers	10	6
Tuckers Arms A	10	9

Division Three	Pld	Pts
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## running round-up

## Ham Hill race is meaty challenge

## AXE VALLEY RUNNERS

with Dave Mutter

BLUE skies and icy ground greeted the full entry of 243 runners for this year's Full Monty Cute race at Ham Hill.

Unfortunately Matt Clist rolled his ankle early on, impeding his normally speedy footwork.

Patrick Devine-Wright was first home of the AVRs finishing just over a minute behind the winner in 3rd place 1:10:32 followed by Matt Clist 7th, 1:13:21 and Terry Emmet 10th, 1:15:40. Matt Hewer 23rd in 1:22:49. Clare Hansford 56th (1st Vet 45) 1:29:30. Graham Newton (2nd vet 65) 62nd overall 1:31:10. Eleanor Wood 9th female (2nd Vet 55) 74th 1:34:06. John Larcombe 148th 1:48:23.

Collectively it was a very good day for the club, winning the first team prize made up of the top two male and female finishers, Patrick Devine-Wright, Matt Clist, Clare Hansford and Eleanor Wood.

Last Saturday's Seaton Park run was won by Rhys Goddard of Sittingbourne Harriers in 17:04, followed by AVR's Garry Perratt 2nd, 18:22 and Honiton RC's Adam Hennessey 3rd, 19:20.

## hockey chard

## Energetic students made to battle for win

## Chard A 0 Exeter University F 2

A SECOND consecutive defeat for Chard Seconds, but this time there was no shame in it.

The team battled hard against opponents who dominated possession for long periods based on their inevitable advantage in terms of youthful energy and speed of movement.

There could be no faulting the physical effort made, with captain

James Spurdle, Nick Parkinson and Mike Lane outstanding in competing for everything in the middle of the pitch.

Two first half goals were the difference, the first from one of many penalty corners, the second a scrappy affair shortly before the interval.

Otherwise, the combination of keeper Richard Green and resolute defending kept Chard in with

327 (A Strawbridge 62).

**Div 2:** Tuckers Maggots 330 (C Hembrow 64) New Inn C 371 (R Webb 81) Wootton Sherberts 323 (J Chapman 59) Lamb A 317 (G Smith 67) Colcombe A 420 (V Trivett, M Bright 75) WH Warriors 451 (B Dormer 89).

**Div 3:** Kings Arms Seaton 356 (K Massey, G Copp 65) v King Wingers 324 (W Curnoe 63) Axe Con A 303 (A Thomas 57) Axe Inn B 317 (J Trott 60) Axe Inn A 363 (S Fifer 71) WH Wilm B 303 (S Herrin 55) Ax FC Halfcuts 405 (I Strawbridge 76) Ax FC B 394 (R Smith 74) Ax FC IV 411 (J Mitcham 74) Ax FC A 382 (M Boniface 72).

**Div 4:** Lamb Shanks 307 (R Lancashire 60) Gerrard C 297 (R Warren 55) Ship Rotary 340 (J Brennan 64) Tuckers Y 342 (R Pearce 65) Bottle Inn 328 (P Wallis 75) Seaton BC 323 (F Thomas 61) WH Colyford 329 Colcombe Nomads 364 (B Sheddons 65) Winstons Wobblers 355 New Inn Hawks 355 (D Rowe 66).

Division One	Pld	Pts
B & Gs	10	20
Thorncombe B	11	16
Ax Con Club Rebels	10	16
Lamb Spartans	11	16
Red Lion Red Devils	11	12
Wooton Cowboys	11	10
Tuckers C	11	10
Sidmouth Arms (Uptery)	11	10
Old Inn Kilminster A	11	10
The Feds (Kingfisher)	10	8
Red Lion D	11	8
Thorncombe Drifters	11	6
Green Army	11	6
Gerrard D	10	2

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Thorncombe A	10	16
Thorncombe C	10	16
Axe Inn Jokers	10	16
Wooton Sherberts	11	11
Tuckers Maggots	11	12



The Park Runs are not just about winners, but for anyone of any pace to enjoy and free to enter.

The next event is on Saturday at 9am at Seaton sea front. See [www.parkrun.org.uk](http://www.parkrun.org.uk) for more details.

## CHARD ROAD RUNNERS

with Paul Masters

HEADING off to the frosty grounds of the Crewkerne Road Runners' annual Full Monty-

Cute 10 mile Trail Race, the start being on the peaks of Ham Hill this race is set up as a Hilly challenge from start to finish.

Results; Wayne Loveridge 2nd (260) in 01h 09m 03s, improving on his previous PB for the course by seven minutes Martin Holley hit the line in 01h 22m 36s 22/260.

Gavin Wyatt 72/260 and in 01h 33m 49s, Bernie Genge 01h 40m 46s 108/260, Simon Hall 02h 06m 02s 217/260 and Helen Baxter 02h 06m 21s 218/260.

a chance. Having had little in the way of goal scoring opportunities in the first half, Chard started the second with a declaration of intent, Justin Green shooting just wide.

Green would have other chances alongside those of Trevor Goss and Gary Wheaton as the half progressed and Chard tested University's defence.

There was no denying the visi-

tors deserved their win but Chard will take encouragement from their defensive resilience.

Thanks to umpires Jim Sainsbury and Andy Swain and to match sponsor Tom Eames (Loads of Logs).

**Chard R Green, N Liggins, A Critchley, P Pratt, S Mahoney, J Spudle (capt), J Goddard, N Parkinson, G Wheaton, J Green, T Goss, M Lane, T Eames.**

Cloakham 324 (A Dredge 57) Axe Inn Allsorts 323 (W Graham 62) Tuckers B 327 (D Jowett 62) Colcombe Angels 315 (S Gush 59) Ax FC Batteaxes 380 (S Bennett 78) Thorncombe A 344 (B Harding 77) Seaton FC 316 (S Smart 71) Tuckers A 321 (L Ross 60).

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Inn A	9	16
Wotnots	9	16
Seaton Bowling Club	9	14
Colcombe Girls	9	12
Rousdon Ladies	10	9
Red Lion A	9	8
Colcombe A	9	8
Bees Knees	10	7
New Inn A	9	7
Gerrard Guzzlers	9	7
New Inn B	8	4
Thorncombe Newtops	10	2

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Tuckers Arms B	10	14
White Hart Wilmington A	11	14
Cloakham A	10	12
Gerrard A	10	12
Colcombe B	10	11
Battle Axes	10	11
Tuckers Arms A	10	10
B & Js	10	10
Seaton FC	9	10
Thorncombe A	9	6
Red Lion Rabble	9	6
Colcombe Angels	10	6
Axe Inn Allsorts	10	6

**Crewkerne & District President's Cup round of 16;** Royal Chokers 264 Skimmers 244, Rugrats 255 Brewers Bees 264, Perrott Monkeys 247 Rap-tors 239, Sports 92 259 Head-hunters 214, Chis Colts 266 Hillbillies 256, Rotary 248 Lost Boys 302, Super Sexy 35 245 Mighty Ducks 235, Concorde 282 Coachmen 233.

**President's Plate round of 16;** Stray Cats 224 Football Club 233, Likely Lads 251 Adminal 6

## ilminster angling

## Double for Charles

THERE were 20 Ilminster AA members on the River Isle for the Christmas Fayre match on Sunday but after a week of heavy frosts, the river was painfully low and clear and after the leading weights, quite a few anglers struggled.

Justin Charles won his second match on the river with five big chub for 18lb from peg 108 at Redbridge. Steve Hurford was second with a bag of roach weighing 8lb from Hambridge and Jamie Rich was third with 6lb 12oz of chublets from peg 14 at Upper Coxes.

The club would like to thank Steve and Cindy at the Royal Oak, Ilminster for a fantastic meal, Rob Cox for organising a great match and John Dursley from Enterprise Angling for donating a prize.

The next Royal Oak match is on Sunday, the draw is at the Royal Oak between 8.30 and 9am.

**Result;** 1 – Justin Charles (Ilminster) – 18lb, 2 – Steve Hurford (Ilminster) – 8lb, 3 – Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish) – 6lb 12oz, 4 – Stuart Aplin (Ilminster) – 6lb 9oz, 5 – Rob Cox (Ilminster) – 5lb 14oz.



## East Devon Hunt

Division One	Pld	Pts
Culm Vale	11	18
Marvels	10	14
Blacksmiths	8	12
Honiton Clyst	10	12
Talaton	11	12
Foxenhole	10	10
Sutton Wanderers	10	10
Marsh Green	9	8
Ur Arns	9	8
Stags	10	8
Night Owls	9	7
Auctioneers	10	6
Uptery	8	4
Sidford	9	4

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Jack's Lads	9	14
Latecomers	9	14
A Team	10	14
Keepers	9	12
Zulu Warriors	9	11
Cocks & Hens	8	10
Top Cats	9	10
Breakaways	9	8
Perkins Village	7	7
Awilcombe Shoot	8	7
Tuckers Arms	9	4
Brooksideers	10	3
Bakers 8	10	2

Division Three	Pld	Pts
New Inn	9	16
Goldtops	9	12
Broadclyst	9	10
Guys & Gals	9	10
Bashers	8	8
Yetties	7	8
Here for the Beer	8	8
Alley Cats	9	8
Cee Dee's	10	8
Maynards	10	6
Axe Valley	9	6
Yoyo's	9	6
Earth Stoppers	7	0

**Top Scores:** Roger Carter (Broadclyst) 87, Jim Summerhayes (Uptery) 86.



## tee off golf news

# Kenworthy crowned top Axe Cliff lady

**HONITON** with John Pawley

THE club's mixed group played their monthly drawn Greensomes competition with 24 players taking part.

The overnight frost meant that temporary greens were in play. For the second month running Sue Ritchie was a winner of the Centenary Chivers Goblets, with 37 points, and this time with Brian Morrison. In second were Maureen Tollemache & Paul Ritchie with 33 on count-back from Penny Blackburn & Laurie Tollemache.

Last Friday the Seniors took part in an individual Stableford combined with the second round of the Winter Eclectic competition. Despite temporary greens throughout – or perhaps because of them and the consequent shortening of the holes – scoring was exceptionally good.

In Division One Chris Street topped the list with 40pts with John Frith second on the same score. Dave Morgan was next on 39 with Mike Stroud fourth on 38 and David Woodruff fifth with 37.

Tom Stanton prevailed in Division Two with 39, a score also achieved by second-placed Rod Armitage. Bill Phillips was third with 38, Mike Delaney was fourth – also on 38, and Bob Under-

wood claimed fifth place with 37. There were two 2s – Ted Chandler on the second and Mike Delaney on the seventh.



◆ **TOP TWO:** Brian Morrison and Sue Ritchie

**AXE CLIFF** with Peter Motson

STEVE Bond & Simon Wellington just pipped Dave Morgan & Alan Cooper in a tightly contested final to become 2016 Axe Cliff Golf Club Men's section Four-somes Champions.

In one of the most testing formats in golf, each team play one ball per pair, each player taking alternate shots with the one ball. A fine tee shot by one partner can be ruined by the other player miss-hitting the second shot

into a hazard.

Morgan & Cooper were in front right up to 14th hole when a poor hole for both pairs was won by Bond & Wellington with a bogey four. Pars on the 15th and the difficult feature hole 16th were enough to take Bond & Wellington two up with two to play.

In a shaky 17th hole for both parties, Wellington & Bond halved the hole which was good enough to win the match 2&1.

The **Ladies** section played the second of their Winter League matches over 15 holes, stableford format. Helen Kenworthy came first with an excellent 30 points. Second place went to a count-back between Stella Thompson who was placed runner up with 26 points from Sandra Walker who was placed third.

Later, the ladies held their Presentation evening followed by a Christmas meal. Helen Kenworthy won the Ladies Golfer of the Year and Anne Jarvis the Most Improved Handicap.

The **Seniors'** section played the third round of their Winter League matches which was won by Mike Jamieson & Rob Grove with a round of 37 points. In second were Alan Vincent & Tony Horton

with 35 and David Lacey & Peter Hornsby were third. Alan Morgan carded the only two.

**CRICKET ST THOMAS**

with Bert Robinson

SIXTY members from the Seniors and



◆ **WINNERS:** Steve Bond and Simon Wellington

the Ladies section entered the recent Christmas Cracker tournament when 20 teams of one lady and two men contested a best two from three format.

In brilliant sunshine, the golfers enjoyed the conditions in what was Ladies

Captain Barbara Wilton final event after her two years in the post. A total of £228 was raised which is to be split between the chosen charities of the Men's and Ladies sections.

Result: 1st Hanna Jacobson; Bob Barrow & John McOmish 71 points, 2nd Ruth Dowell; Norman Markby & Malcolm Roy 70, 3rd Paula Bowles; John Wandless & Chris Denman 70.

Meanwhile, 30 Seniors attended the three man "all to count" competition last Wednesday.

Conditions were cold and frosty and the event was played utilising temporary greens, which made scoring easier on the shortened course.

Result: 1st Alan Chance; George Wallace & Nick George 111 points, 2nd Nick Gabb; Nobby Hodder & Roger Stone 110, 3rd Bert Robinson; John Pearce & Clive Fisk 108.

Having cancelled the Turkey Trot competition due to the bad weather on Friday, 24 Seniors opted for a best two from three Bowmaker event. Once again, the shortened course made for exaggerated scoring.

Result: 1st Fred Oliver; David Taylor & George Wallace 91 points, 2nd Jerry Stephens; Andy Beale & Mike King 89.

## snooker seaton &amp; district

## Big scalp for Thomas

THE individual performance of the week came from John Thomas (Chard Casuals) who managed to take two frames from Colyton TC's A graded player.

The result gave the Chard team eight bonus points which lifted them up to third in the table.

Last seasons champions

League table	Pld	Pts
Wonders	6	33
Colyton Feds	5	18
Chard Casuals	5	14
Chard TCs	5	12
Colyton ExCons	5	12
Honiton WMC	5	10
Sidmouth Cons	5	7

continue to pull away from the chasing pack with Ben Pike registering two breaks of 50.

**Results** (November 29th); Colyton TC 2+0 Chard Casuals 4+8, Honiton Wanderers 5+0 Sidmouth Cons 1+2, Colyton Feds 4+0 Honiton WMC 2+2.

Bruce Miller Cup	Pld	Pts
Wonders	6	33
Colyton Feds	5	22
Chard Casuals	5	22
Honiton WMC	5	18
Colyton TC	5	16
Sidmouth Cons	5	15
Colyton ExCons	5	12

## darts colyton &amp; district

**RESULTS** (1001/Pairs first): **Week 10:** (1) Honiton A 4(5) Dolphin B 1(1); Royal Clarence A 0(0) Halesy's Bar B 5(6); Vault A 3(3)

Kings Arms 2(3); Kingfisher B 2(5) Golden Hind 3(1).

**Highest Finishes:** 142

1001 pairs Tucker Cup	Pld	Pts
Halesy's Bar A	8	33
Halesy's Bar B	8	31
Kings Arms	9	28
Dolphin A	9	26
Vault A	8	23
Golden Hind	8	21
Kingfisher B	8	20
Kingfisher A	7	15
Dolphin B	7	13
Vault B	7	13
Clarence A	6	4
New Inn	7	3

Jamie McLennan (Kings Arms); Mark Edworthy 120 (Dolphin A); 112 Bobby Carless (Kingfisher B); 100 Paul Smith (Golden Hind)..

**180s:** Dave Hales (Halesy's Bar B). **9-Dart Leg:** Jamie McLennan (Kings Arms).

Singles - Maundrill Cup Pld	Pts
Halesy's Bar A.....	8 37
Halesy's Bar B.....	8 35
Dolphin A.....	9 33
Kings Arms.....	9 33
Vault A.....	8 27
Kingfisher B.....	8 23
Kingfisher A.....	7 20
Vault B.....	7 20
Golden Hind.....	8 18
Dolphin B.....	7 12
New Inn.....	7 10
Clarence A.....	6 8

## chard &amp; district

**Premier Division** Pld Pts  
 Returns Rejects .....4 79  
 High 4 & a Half .....6 60  
 Hobnobs .....5 59  
 BDBs .....4 41  
 Crusaders .....4 40  
 Happy Sharks .....3 29  
 Wanderers .....2 24  
 Hopefuls .....3 22

**Most 180s:** S.Rutter & L.Cox both x3, G.Knight & P.Lawrence both x2, Five players x1

Division One	Pld	Pts
Okey Doaks	5	61
Down's	5	58
Pop Darts	5	57
Pirates	5	44

Random Tossers .....4 40  
 Nice Ricks .....3 35  
 Cult of Personality .....4 34  
 PAs .....3 32  
 Pig Jockeys .....4 29  
**Most 180s:** S.Castle x2, nine players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
HRT	5	65
Happy Days	5	60
Madhouse Crew	4	46
No skill, just lucky	3	29
Stumpy's Gang	3	29
Dizzy Tarts	3	28
The Haymaker	4	22
Two minute crew	3	18
<b>Most 180s:</b> A.Pidgeon x1		

## jack high bowls round-up

## Windsor in regal form in nationals

**HONITON** with Julie Grant

HONITON Ladies had success in the first round of the national triples knockout Vivienne competition.

Last week they played TORBAY, two rinks home, two away and won 76-47. Best triple were Thelma Flynn, Carol Armitage & Daphne Courtney who won away 24-11.

The men had success in the ICL winning overall by 20 shots and on three of the four rinks against DAWLISH.

The ladies played a new contest called the ISCA challenge. Playing on four rinks away they lost on two but won one and drew one. The challenge will be completed later in the season when ISCA come to Honiton.

In the mixed friendlies TAUNTON DEANE came to Honiton and won convincingly 90-57. Honiton's one winning rink was Liz Fielding, Fred Dart, George Kille 7 Cyril Dann 19-18. Against FENITON, Honiton won 85-54, top rink Thelma Flynn, Richard Bland & Cyril Dann 29-14.

**AXMINSTER** with David Harris

THE Ladies were unlucky to lose their recent County Lanes match against MIL DEVON 65-71.

The home rink of Angela Ratzenbury, Janet Parsons & Judith Moffitt won by just two shots whilst the other home rink of Brenda Edwards, Alison Glyde, & Margaret Crompton and the away rink of Sue Bond, Philippa White & Ann Clayton both lost by just two shots. The other away rink of Jo Barnish, Gill Campbell & Jean Kesterton lost by four shots.

In the mixed friendlies we had mixed results. First we lost 55-67 at MADEIRA with only Brian Smith, Anne Burn, Neil Solomon & Bob Sherborne managing a win (22-18).

Next we beat TAUNTON BC 71-54 at home with wins for John Packham, Barbara Mowatt, Nigel Bond & Budgie Hallows (31-18) and Morrison Brown, Chelsea Maher, Ann Clayton & Les Clark (23-17). Lastly we lost 41-59 at home to DONYATT losing on all rinks.

In the **National KO competitions**

James Windsor got through to the second round of the Under 18s with a splendid win at Yeovil against Jamie Day by two sets to nil (21-0) and (19-3).

At senior level our mixed fours side of Phil White, John Hill, David Harris & Ann Clayton got through the first round with a good win at Dorchester but lost at Moonfleet (Weymouth) in the second.

Likewise in the mixed pairs Phil White & David Harris won at home in the first round but lost away to a Dorchester pair in the second.

**ILMINSTER** with Des Maull

LAST Tuesday Ilminster had two teams in action in the over 60s double rink; the A team played STREET A in a one rink home and one away format.

Street proved too strong winning on both rinks and by 47-18. Details: Away, Des Maull, Dave Pugh, Roger Lench & Barry Sims 11-30; Home, Steve Peasland, Ken Parker, John Mitchell & Rod Parkin 7-17.

The B team won on both rinks

and by 45-31 against WESTON ST ANDREWS. Details: Home, Gerry Morris, Kevin Hamilton, Chris Robinson & Paul Denslow 26-17; Away, Alan Holt, Eric Keitch, Rowland Garland & Will Anderson 19-14. Ilminster B now play Street A in the next round.

On Saturday Ilminster Ladies were home to MINEHEAD in the Optica, a pairs, triples and fours competition with Ilminster winning all rinks. Details: Pairs, Alison Atyeo & Monica Woodland 27-10; Triples – Sarah lightfoot, Sue Spurway & Maureen Mitchell 31-11; Fours – Myra Childs, Christine Davies, Dot Whelan & Ann Truscott 29-12.

Sunday brought the visit of CHARDSTOCK for a three rink mixed friendly. Ilminster won on two of the three rinks. Details: Sue Donavon, Dave Cox, John Waddell & Tony Bickle 18 John Rolph 31; Steve Peasland, John Pemberton, Hilary Leamon & Colin Osborne 37 Ann Sebright 8; Brian Welch, Joan Gratrix, Dave Crouch & Roger Lench 30 Simon Hatcliffe 5.

## rugby chard

## Depleted Chard fail to build on victory

**North Petherton 36 Chard 24**

*South West Division One*

AFTER the terrific win against high flying Newent the previous weekend, Chard Rugby Club were hoping for another win at North Petherton on Saturday but sadly it was not to be writes Glyn Hughes.

Unfortunately, owing to sickness and injury, Chard lost the services of four of the team that had played against Newent and had to bring in coach Simon Jenkins for his first game of the season to try and bolster the front row which had to be completely rebuilt for this match.

Right from the off the aggressive and well drilled Petherton forwards showed that they would be a handful, particularly in loose play, and following some excellent driving mauls, set up a converted try for Jack Kohler who scored under the posts after only five minutes.

Chard were soon back in the game when they ran the ball from a penalty and Will Hopkinson drove over for a try which was converted from wide out on the left by Oesmani.

Midway through the half the home side scored their second converted try when Chard were again unable to stop their drive to the line, this was again converted so Petherton led 14-7

Chard were guilty of giving away a number of penalties and, with the ground gained from kicking to touch, Petherton crossed for their third try which was not converted.

Soon after the restart Chard were awarded a penalty kick as result of a high dangerous tackle and Oesmani drilled the ball between the uprights to make the half time score 19-10

As well as conceding a number of penalties Chard had been making other basic errors, particularly not being able to secure and keep the ball in key situations, and in their general handling.

They were given a harsh lesson direct from the restart in the second half when they failed to secure the kick off and Petherton crossed for their fourth and bonus point try.

For a short time things went from bad to worse for Chard as they had a player sent to the bin for a deliberate knock-on and from the resultant

penalty Kohler crossed for his second try which was again converted.

North Petherton were at this stage well on top and scored another try in dubious circumstances as a home player clearly lost the ball as he was about to touch down. The referee, who had had a very good game, was unsighted but accepted the word of the home touch judge who said it was a fair score!

This seemed to spark Chard and they had their best spell the final quarter when Jenkins and Oesmani scored two converted tries.

The Chard backs are clearly now a lot stronger but this has coincided with the forwards not being able to dominate the exchanges up front and the injury to vice captain Luke Aplin is a big blow.

However, the effort of the players can not be doubted and next Saturday they have a really big game at home to OKEHAMPTON (2.15pm ko).

The 2nd and 3rd xv games were postponed because there were no referees available.

Next Saturday the 2nd xv are away at TOR and the 3rd xv are away at WINCANTON.

## crib round-up

**HONITON**

**RESULTS;** Blacksmith Arms 6 Feniton Soc B 2, Honiton Inn A 3 Feniton Soc A 5, New Fountain 4 Vine Inn B 4, Vine Inn A 2 Thirsty Farmer 6, Workingmens B 4 Workingmens A 4.

**Captains Cup;** Audrey Hawkins 0 Brenda Flood 1, Julie Bath 1 Mike Dent 0, Julie Davis 0 Lorraine White 1, Lionel Hawkins 0, Hedley Hawkins 0, Steve Pettitt 0 Maureen Pendrick 1.

**Fixtures (Dec 8th);** Feniton Soc B v Honiton Inn B, Honiton Inn A v Blacksmith Arms, Thirsty Farmer v Workingmens B, Vine Inn B v Feniton Soc A, Workingmens A v New Fountain.

Table	Pld	Pts
Blacksmiths Arms	12	60
New Fountain	12	55
Vine Inn B	12	53
Workingmens A	12	50
Workingmens B	12	49
Vine Inn A	12	46
Feniton Social A	12	43
Thirsty Farmer	12	43
Feniton Social B	12	41
Honiton Inn B	12	41
Honiton Inn A	12	39

Captain's Cup	Pld	Pts
Lionel Hawkins	12	11
Hedley Hawkins	12	7
Lorraine White	12	7
Maureen Pendrick	12	6
Rita Freemantle	12	6
Julie Davis	12	6
Brenda Flood	12	5
Mike Dent	12	5
Audrey Hawkins	12	4
Steve Pettitt	12	3

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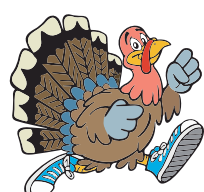
**Results (November 28th);** New Inn Kilm A 3 Charlie's Angels 2, Nags Head LR 4 Ship Inn LR 1, Steps 2 Dolphin Beer 3, Talbot Arms 4 Lamb Swans 1, Gerrard Arms 1 Axminster Con Club 4.

**Beer League;** New Inn Kilm A 2 Charlie's Angels 1, Nags Head LR 2 Ship Inn LR 1, Steps 3 Dolphin Beer 0, Talbot Arms 1 Lamb Swans 2, Gerrard Arms 2 Axminster Con Club 1.

**Fixtures (Dec 12th);** New Inn Kilm A v Talbot Arms, Nags Head LR v Gerrard Arms, Charlie's Angels v Lamb Swans, Steps v New Inn Kilm B, Ship Inn LR v Axminster Con Club.

Table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	11	37
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	11	32
Gerrard Arms	11	29
Dolphin, Beer	11	29
Axminster Con Club	11	28
New Inn Kilm A	11	27
Lamb Swans	11	26
Steps	11	26
Ship Inn, LR	10	24
Charlie's Angels	11	24
New Inn Kilm B	9	13

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	11	21
Charlie's Angels	11	19
New Inn Kilm B	9	18
Lamb Swans	11	17
Steps	11	17
Ship Inn, LR	10	16
Gerrard Arms	11	16
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	11	15
Axminster Con Club	11	13
New Inn Kilm A	11	13
Dolphin, Beer	11	12





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## Combe looking chic



◆ **NEW KIT:** Matthew Redwood Manager of Chard Post Office presents Combe St Nicholas Ladies Captain Kelly Frome (centre) and vice Captain Rosie Manning with their new shirts courtesy of owner Leanne Weatherill of Chard Post Office. The Club wished to thank Joe Bray of Top Togs (in Chard) who helped sort out the production and design of the kits.



◆ **TOP NIGHT:** There was a good turnout of members at Chardstock Bolwling Club's annual presentation evening held the Ridgeway Inn. Photo by

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